National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights

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October 14, 1987

Dear Friends, Sisters, Brothers:

WE DID IT! All those months of hard work came to a glorious and wonderful climax October 8-13. Through your efforts, and all the other local organizers whose name and address we don't know, **more than 500,00 lesbians and gay men and their supporters** came together and took our message of love, life, and justice to our nation's capitol. For all of us who were there, who helped bring this amazing event about, the sight on October 11 of those thousands upon thousands of beautiful men and women marching, singing, shouting, and making known our rights was all the thanks we needed, and made all those long hours completely worthwhile.

It was an incredible honor to be part of this occasion- to feel the love and anger, humor and grief of our community- and to experience the incredible power our coming together has unleashed. We encourage everyone of us to experience October 11, and all the surrounding events, as a beginning, as a date when the lesbian/gay movement signalled a new level of urgency, strength, and militancy to all of our political activity--whatever the form that activity takes.

In this way, we can move on with pride, with hope, with renewed energy and strength, and with a new sense of ourselves and our community.

A few notes of business before we sign off. First, if any local committees have outstanding debts with us, or have money to send, please do so right away. We're trying to do an accurate accounting, the results of which we'll make known through the gay press, and to do so we need to collect all outstanding funds(or bills).

Second, as you all are aware, the US Park Service announced to the media that the March drew 200,000 people. We don't know why they have decided to state such an obvious lie, but can speculate that the government doesn't want to admit that there are 500,000 lesbians and gay men in the US, much less that so many gathered in one place at one time for a show of political strength.

Our estimate of 500,000 is based on the Park Service advising us prior to the March that if we filled the area between 3rd and 7th Streets, the count would be 600,000 people. We filled that area, plus several more blocks. It took 5 hours to move everyone off the Ellipse, into the street. Our estimate of at least 500,000 is a conservative one!

For Love and For Life, We're Not Going Back!

So, we would like to encourage local contacts and committees to organize a letter-writing campaign to your local straight press and TV stations, saying something like "I was there, and I know there were at least half a million people,...." It is important that we not let the media and Park Service get away with such inaccuracies.

This may very well be our last mailing--the office will be open until the end of the month, so do call or write if you need to talk to us. The phone will be operative(with a machine at the other end) until the end of the year.

One reminder--the Association of Lesbian and Gay Archivists are collecting materials from the March for the official archives. If you have anything from your area you think should be made part of the archives, send it to us, marked "Archives."

Again, our thanks to every single person who worked on the March, who came to the March, or could only be there in spirit--we love you all.

FOR LOVE AND FOR LIFE,

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-John F. Kennedy

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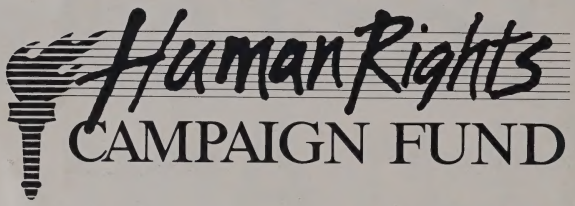

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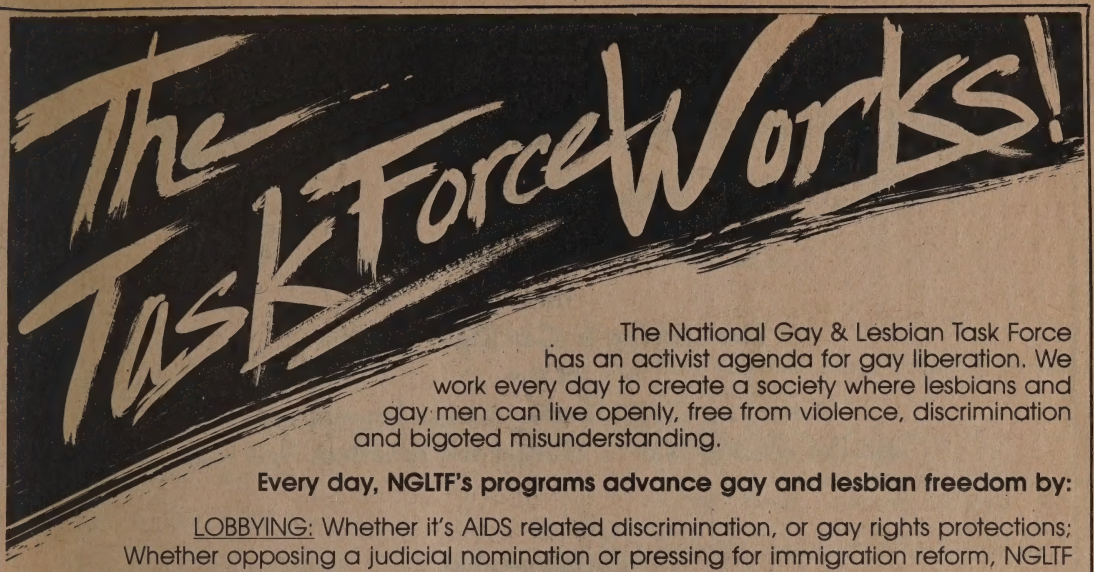

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People Of Color

The People of Color Caucus is the concrete manifestation of our vision: to reflect our diversity, and to share our heritages, our experiences and dreams in creating a basis from which we can all move forward in unity. We look forward to the opportunity for lesbian and gay people of color to connect with the whole community and to create avenues for consciousness raising across class and racial lines.

The morning rally is being organized by the caucus of the National Organizing Committee.

The speakers represent a number of communities and issues, including People of Color, Seniors and Youth, people with disabilities and the transgenderal community. The progam also includes cultural presentations designed to represent the racial and cultural diversity of supporters of lesbian and gay civil rights.

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Andrew Boch
Ames, IA

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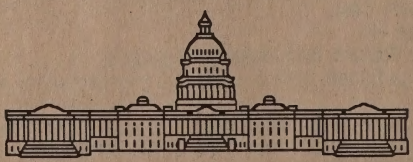

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MOTHER JONES' November '87 issue chronicles the frustrated efforts of doctors and scientists who'd been aware since 1981 of the danger posed by AIDS. In a blizzard of internal memos, the nation's top medical advisors warned their superiors about the consequences of government silence, and inaction, and they proposed ways to save lives.

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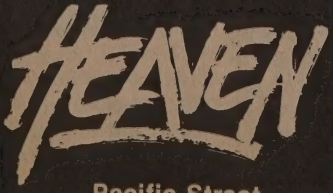

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1979 & 1987 March Notes

On October 14, 1979, approximately 100,000 people marched on Washington to demand their rights as American citizens. According to Steve Ault, one of the three co-chairs of the 1987 March, and along with Joyce Hunter, co-coordinator of the 1979 March, the March was first proposed at a "leadership" conference in Denver in 1977. A steering committee was formed and a proposal summarizing the need for the action was circulated throughout the national community. Discord within the organizing structure caused the effort to collapse. However, the idea of having a lesbian and gay march on Washington had already sparked interest in different parts of the country.

Concurrently, Harvey Milk in San Francisco and members of the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights in New York City decided to pick up the pieces and move ahead. Steve Ault drafted a proposal for the March, working in conjunction with others including Harry Britt. In the middle of a meeting in New York regarding the march, a phone call from San Francisco informed the group of Harvey Milk's assassination. Milk's death solidified the resolve of those present to make the march a reality.

Activists in San Francisco and New York organized a national conference in Philadelphia to issue a call for a march on Washington. At the conference, the march was opposed for a variety of reasons including lack of time and the fear that people would not take the risk of being visible at a national march on Washington. Despite the lack of support from major national organizations, organizing progressed. By th time of the next major conference in Housto in July, which was attended by delegation from most of the states, including Hawaii an Alaska, a national mandate for a March o Washington had developed. A logistic office opened in Washington, DC, and loc committees were forming all across th nation. Also at that time, the national lesbia and gay media started to take note of th march's progress and excitement was in th air. By the end of August, the nation organizations were endorsing the march.

The 1979 March was a great succes Joyce Hunter, 1987 March co-ordinator stated, "the march provided the visibilit needed to place our issues on the civil righ agenda for the next decade. To Congre we were recognized as a viable constituenc by friend and foe alike."

In the years following, some of th organizers of the 1979 March remained i touch. In 1985, the rise in homophobia und the Reagan administration and the total inadequate government responses to th AIDS crisis lead to a series of discussion between 1979 March activists, Hunter an Ault, along with Ray Hill of Houston, Joh O'Brien of Los Angeles, Howard Wallace o

San Francisco, and also with Gwendolyn Rogers and Gil Gerald of the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays.

A document proposing a new march was drafted by Ault and Hunter and first circulated at a lesbian and gay leadership conference in Los Angeles. The document was also circulated among the major national lesbian and gay organizations. First to endorse the proposal was the National Coalition of Black Lesbians and Gays, soon followed by the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force, Rev. Troy Perry of the Metropolitan Community Church, and the Human Rights Campaign Fund.

The first organizing meeting was called for July 17, 1986 in New York City and was attended by 50 people. The timing couldn't have been better, for only sixteen days earlier, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its decision on *Hardwick v Bowers.* The community was outraged: spontaneous actions were occurring all over the country and a mandate for national action was building. Attended mostly by representatives of national organizations and veterans of the 1979 March, the conference participants drafted a call for a new march and started to organize a much larger conference for November, 1986, to which representatives from all lesbian and gay related organizations were invited.

The November conference hammered out the politics, major logistical issues and an organizing structure. Other

J.E.B.

actions were also planned, of which two of several are a non-violent civil disobedience action at the U.S. Supreme Court and a day of lobbying on Capitol Hill. A steering committee was selected, consisting of representatives from eleven national regions, representatives of major lesbian and gay and supporting national organizations, and also persons who represented special constituencies which usually are under-represented or denied a voice altogether. A policy of gender parity and a minimum of 25% representation of people of color was established. And the organizing work began in earnest.

The Executive Committee would like to thank the extraordinary dedication and commitment of the many volunteers in the National Office and throughout the country without whose efforts the National March could never succeed.

Double Jeopardy

by Pat Norman

Every day I declare I'm tired of having to spend my time fighting racism but there's nowhere to hide. But it's necessary, however difficult, to rid ourselves of this tendency to hide from the abuse. We have our lives to live and enjoy. We have a responsibility to make social change in the most positive and constructive way. Lesbian and gay people of color have a unique life experience to share. We can look at each other and identify pain and injustice at its roots and on every level. We have muchto offer to our communities and our country. There are reasons why "isms" exist. The philosophy of intimidation by acts of supremacy and exclusion are purposeful in that they hold us mesmerized and disempowered. We must protect ourselves from being diseased from fear and inactivity. No matter how uncomfortable, in light of the political realities for us all, it is necessary to become involved in the struggle for our own individual and our communities' liberations. We cannot allow our skills to go unused.

Look at the facts before us now:the possibility of Bork on the Supreme Court, the Hardwick decision, mandatory testing, challenges to abortion rights, losing the freedom over our own bodies, detention without bail and immigration,the wake of resurgent racism in this country where the KKK marchers go free and blacks are jailed, where lynching has now occurred in Concord, California even as it has in the South. We have a higher infant mortality rate among American Indian children than any other racial group. 71% of all black female households live in poverty. We suffer from drug abuse, PCP devastates our youth and war and destruction happen throughout the world as people of color become the target in every war. Unemployment is overlooked and discounted in the working and poor classes.

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Profiles Of Activism

"People don't become political out of altruism, that's a shabby reason.

We become political after ascertaining what world is in our best interest."

--Robert Gluck, *"Elements of a Coffee Service"*

A complex matrix of activism and community service is the only logical and effective response to confronting the difficult issues that we face today.

The men and women profiled throughout this program, diverse as they are, represent only a fraction of the styles of service and activism present in the lesbian and gay community today.

ACTIVIST -BETH GWINN

Director--Portland, Maine Family Crisis Center
Co-Founder--Maine's Women's Lobby
State Co-ordinator--Maine National Organization for Women
Board Member and co-founder-Human Rights Campaign Fund
Northeast Regional Director-NOW
Executive Vice-President--NOW
Deputy Director--HRCF

Lois Galgay Reckitt's resume reads like a short course in social and political activism. Her serious commitment to the gay movement came in the late '70s when she almost lost her vision from a random act of anti-gay violence. It was an epiphany borne by shards of flying glass.

"I decided that it was no good to be a nice married lesbian when there were people in the world who would do something like this,"says Reckitt.

In 1977 Reckitt made a speech supporting gay rights before the Maine Legislature:

"I come here today representing no organization. I am representing myself and my brothers and sisters who cannot take the risk of speaking. I am here to repay my debt to those brave few men and women who have risked themselves for me for years. I am a lesbian; those are the only credentials I wear."

Recalling the experience, she says, "It was my most proud moment" and "that's the hardest thing I ever did".

The challenges of organizing and maintaining HRCF energize and sustain Reckitt.

"When we organized HRCF it felt like we had all joined hands and walked off a cliff together." The experience of shared responsibility brought a feeling of family to HRCF's board that, according to Reckitt, still exists today.

Seven years after its founding HRCF is the 16th largest independent PAC in the US. Reckitt is quick to share responsibility for that success with the other staff and board members, but it's clear that her style of activism is one that warrants emulation.

LONG GESTATION

Let's call her Amy and say she lives in Boomtown.

Like Lois Reckitt, Amy's early activism was focused on issues other than gay. Civil rights and work with Vista consumed her volunteer time in the '70s and early '80s. Professionally Amy was slowly and successfully climbing her city government's bureaucratic ladder. She learned a lot about being effective without making waves; an important factor in a city with no ordinances protecting the rights of gay people.

In 1982 a friend asked Amy to attend a meeting of "like-minded" women; it was strictly social and one had to be careful not to say "lesbian" or "gay" What Amy saw was 30 attractive, intelligent women who had taken one small step in the arduous process of coming out. When the group's leader resigned, Amy took the responsibility on. She encouraged expanding the group's size and activities. But she did it slowly and quietly and without using the words "lesbian" and "gay". For many this was a first-time experience. Sure, many had a "special friend," but Boomtown isn't NYC or SF; these women are dealing with profound fear.

By 1985, monthly meetings were drawing as many as 200; there were programs and goals. Members included women who, outside the group, identified themselves as dykes. The group was sending a representative to Boomtown's lesbian and gay council.

Amy says the slow and gentle coming out process makes for "a better baked product." She hopes to see about100 group members marching in DC.

BELIEF IN THE SYSTEM

Ollie Taylor says a succession of history and civics classes are responsible for his activism. Their message was simple: we live in a democracy where the people control the government by exercising the right to vote. Ollie North was likely taught the same stuff. Why are he and Ollie Taylor so different ?

Taylor learned his stuff in Mobile, Alabama in the mid '60s

where he was one of 47 blacks in a student body of 2900. When taunts were thrown he ignored them. When fights were provoked he avoided them. When the Class of 1966 graduated Taylor was in the top 10 percent scholastically; it took him another five years or so to figure

out about the *other* 10 percent.

Taylor was elected student body president at Venter College in Kentucky where blacks numbered 20 in an enrollment of 750. After graduation he returned to Mobile and ran for public office joining two other blacks as that city's first non-white candidates in modern times. Their action precipitated a court case that restructured Mobile's city government and eventually allowed the election of blacks. Ollie was doing it by the book.

All this interest in the process of government led to Florida State University and an MS in Government; along with the sheepskin came a full awareness that Ollie was gay. His response was predictably pragmatic:
form a Gay Student Union; join the Florida Task Force; do community access TV programming on gay issues; help start a chapter of BWMT.

And, of course, run for City Commission as an openly, gay black man in a small Southern town. Those high school books and teachers said that's how the system works didn't they ?

I'd like to tell you that Ollie was elected. He wasn't. But he ran again. And again. In 1987, he polled 11 % of the vote, didn't finish last and won an endorsement of an alternative daily paper.

"I'm comfortable here. There are plenty of people in larger cities who already do what I do. Smaller towns need people like me."

SOUTHERN STYLE

I met Andrew at the Southeastern Conference for Lesbians and Gay Men, a networking organization unique in this country. We talked about the Washington March at breakfast and I asked Andrew if Michael, his lover, was going to DC. Andrew looked at me like I'd asked if he was going to torch the White House.

"I'm not even going to the March."

"Why the hell not ?"

Long pause.

"That would make me an activist. I'm not an activist. I don't like politics."

Now I don't know what *you* call a gay man who is president of the board of directors of an incorporated service organization with 50 volunteers that provide a seven-day-a-week helpline, ongoing support groups, women's social and support groups and a speakers bureau. If we call it community service will Andrew go to D.C. ?

"Yes."

Can I use your real name and picture for this article.

"No way."

Andrew is a Good Southern Boy. Dad is a "rabid Republican". Mom, rabid about little more than her Vodka, needed another kid to help her deal with her loneliness. Andrew figured out real early that polite, sweet voiced boys keep the family happy.

Especially Good Southern Boys enter the ministry. So Andrew did that but he also fell in love with a man who worked at the "Y." And he told his dad, who told his mom, who threw a fit and when the smoke cleared, Andrew felt great. He got a good job with a big corporation. He and Michael (now a high school gym teacher) live two block from Michael's parents. Michael's parents "don't know". .

Andrew's organization has nearly trebled in size since he took over as board president. He has participated in a number of panels as an openly gay person, regularly speaks to classes. His religious training makes him an especially good resource for teachers and clergy who want to know more about gay issues.

That's community service.

At the Southeast Conference, most of us went to a gay disco while Andrew and a few friends boogied in the bar of the Airport Sheraton. What harassment they got was soon squelched by compassionate non-gay patrons.

That's social activism.

When Michael met Andrew at the airport after the Southeast Conference they were afraid to even shake hands, much less embrace.

That's why Andrew is marching in D.C.

WANTING A DIFFERENT WORLD

Sue Hyde, Privacy Project Director for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, spends most of her workday dealing with the question. How do different factions of the gay movement learn to co-exist ?

Hyde has lots of answers.Two stand out: "We've got to learn how to transcend personality, and "You don't have to love somebody to work with them."

NGLTF's Privacy Project is organizing task forces to lobby for sodomy statute repeal in the 25 states (and D.C.) where those laws still exist.

Within the course of an hour Hyde may confer with experienced activists oozing with political savy as well as well-meaning but totally naive

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Special Constituencies

Persons With Disabilities

"My closet door had to open wider than yours. I had to get the fuckin' wheelchair out too."

The above quote illustrates some of the problems faced by disabled gay and lesbian people when coming to terms with their sexuality. As we are all aware, the "coming out" process can be an extremely painful and alienating experience. However, for the disabled gay/lesbian person this process is even more difficult. S/he must first begin to deal with him/herself as a sexual human being-- an extremely difficult proposition given our society's negative attitudes and social programming that the disabled are asexual. After all, how many ads do you see in the gay and non-gay media that represent the disabled-- let alone as sexually able or attractive men and women? If we accept the definition of sexuality that it is the totality of one's maleness and femaleness," then are not the disabled sexual persons also? Sexuality is an expression of one's personality.

For those people with mobility or communication disabilities: If one is unable to get out and socialize with other gay/lesbian people, it is next to impossible to develop a gay or lesbian self-identity-- much less a positive one.

One of the pervasive myths which faces all people wtih disabilities is that physical disability breeds sexual disability. As a child growing up with Cerebral Palsy in the 1950's and '60's, there were no disabled role models in the media or elsewhere for me to emulate or identify with. There was no information available in school or at home. As one disabled professional writes,

"Many parents and professionals look on disabled children and adults as eternal innocents, as nonsexual beings. These persons see disabled children as not-quite-human beings who are--or should be--intrinsically pure, unsullied by sexual thoughts, desires, and questions. To teach these children about sex would be to open Pandora's box, since these children would then become aware of behaviors which their would-be benefactors erroneously believe will never be available to them as adults ".

Also, most of my peers in school were much more severely disabled than I was, so there was little or no opportunity for the kind of "show and tell" experimentation that occurs among nondisabled children and adolescents.

For those of us with congenital or prepubescent disabilities, especially orthopedic, we have had a lifetime of others managing our lives--especially doctors. The medical model has been used as a way of instilling dependency. The disabled person is expected to assume the patient role, one which is very subservient and submissive.

Recently, however, with the emergence of the disability rights and independent living movements, people with disabilities have begun to challenge long-held assumptions that others/professionals know what is best for us. We are beginning to demand our right to make decisions for and about ourselves. This includes the right to succeed or fail; the right to make good and bad choices. One of these choices can be to embrace and affirm who we are as lesbians and gay men. It is important for persons with disabilities to march on Oct. 11 so we can remind ourselves, and people both within and outside of the lesbian and gay community, that we are an integral part of that community.

-Bruce J.Rose

PWA's

Over 35,000 Americans, men, women and children have been strickenwith AIDS, and over 21,000 have died. Those who still live, knowing they too will probably die, are bravely fighting for extra months or days to beat the average life expectancy statistics for their particular cancer, disease or infection. Around the world, there are now 100,000 cases of AIDS but the official count is most surely underrated. The future numbers are incomprehensible. AIDS can strike anyone-- any color, religion or sex, child or adult. It is **not** a white middle-class gay disease.

In the face of this disaster, the response of the Reagan administration has been too little, too late and too unrealistic. We know that information and education about AIDS can save lives, yet this administration has less money for mass media information in its budget than General Secord has in his secret bank accounts.

Why is President Reagan so generous with money to take lives in Central America and yet so stingy with money to save lives here in the United States? Why is the President so reluctant to be guided by morality in his dealings with the immoral racist government in South Africa and yet preaches morality in his response to this deadly disease which has no morality. Men, women and children are dying of AIDS right now. The President's response is to deliberately withold information, to speak in code that nobody understands and to pretend that young people do not need to know about sex, much less safe sex, thinking that if we do not mention it they will never think of it themselves.

Surgeon General Koop is one of the few members of the administration who has spoken out for candid realistic information of how to prevent AIDS, information that our children desperately need to hear. Along with Reagan, the right- wing moral idealogues are doing their best to suppress accurate information about AIDS. These cruelest of crusaders pretend that AIDS is a gay disease, a punishment for immorality- a supernatural judgment upon some members of society. How do they explain the deaths of 3,000 "innocent" children from AIDS? They do not. They are so zealous in trying to control the moral climate of our country that they would let more children die.

People with AIDS are angry, at the administration, at the extremist "religious" right and at all of those in this society who discriminate against PWA's and perpetuate the myths. That is why PWA's will be on the front lines of the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay rights. With the spectre of AIDS and the resulting death decimating our community, now is clearly the time to make a unified statement. We challenge the leadership of our country to respond to the AIDS crisis with caring, compassion and support.

-David Almand
Ron Rose

People of Transgenderal Orientation

Sometime in 1986, a few of the leaders of the Lesbian and Gay community decided that 1987 should be another year that the lesbian and gay community should march on our nation's capital. In November, 1986 a congress assembled in New York City, New York to discuss the issue.

During the congressional meeting it became apparent that there existed "special interest" segments of our society, which often live on the fringes of the lesbian and gay community, that deserved a more pronounced focus in this March. A more common term, minorities within minorities. The congress felt they wanted to recognize and offer support to these special groups whether or not these people identified themselves as a part of, or separate from, the gay and lesbian community.

Among these "special interest" groups were those individuals who, for whatever reason, either part-time or full-time crossed the gender line of identity.

The most common among the gay community is the "Drag Queen", the gay male who from time to time dresses as a female,and is ususally an entertainer.

Another category is the transvestite, a gay or straight male or female who attires themselves in the clothes of the opposite sex.

And still another category, the transsexual, those people who though anatomically one gender, identify themselves as the opposite gender. These people are usually involved in a program designed to surgically reassign their anatomical gender. However, some elect to continue in the gender role of their choice without ever undergoing any surgical changes to their bodies, thus legally remaining in the transvestite category.

During the first meeting of the Steering Committee in Los Angeles, California, in January, 1987, the committee decided upon an inclusive term for this very special community, people of transgenderal orientation.

I believe that there were two major achievements of the National Steering Committee. First, to identify People of Transgendral Orientation as a community of people and to appeal to that community to unite in order to obtain and maintain civil rights for themselves and others. Second, the adoption of a resolution that would insure our civil rights as part of the sexual orientation clauses of all state and federal laws.

There is no doubt among the members of the caucus for People of Transgendral Orientation that the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights will achieve triumphs in Washington D.C. on October 11, 1987. But, as we march side by side to victory, it is our expressed wish that each and all of us remember that the victories we win are victories over prejudice, not people. Let us all work in such a way that as we obtain and insure our rights and liberties, that none should lose theirs.

- Shannon O'Hara

YOUTH

With each passing year, hundreds and thousands of our adolescents grow towards maturity. The majority progress quietly with little fanfare, but others are ensnared by society's laid traps. Our unsung enter college or the work force, and those waylaid become hustlers or drug addicts. As an unseen minority within o minority, lesbian and gay youth are difficult to represent, their needs hard to fulfill. This is due in part to their legal and socio-economic standing; however, the community is also responsible for this condition. Accepting responsibility for our youth, the March on Washington has recognized the need to respond to this little-noticed segment.

Having worked in both the community and academia for many years, my understanding of the issues concerning youth can be summarized by the following: unity, integration, and self-determination. Finances, patriotism, nuclear holocaust, and AIDS aside, they feel that the movement must be unified in order to succeed. Recognition of personal differences is viewed as necessary and appropriate, but when semantics or ideology hinders progress, that is regarded as stupid. Youth feel that the community's primary function is to work towards acceptance by society and thereby become integrated. They envision a time when the movement becomes obsolete and the community serves only as a resources center. Finally, the right to self-determination is requested. Youth feel that too often are they, their views and beliefs compromised into fitting those of the community and society, either by propaganda, neglect, or force.

In this year of the March on Washington, this minority within a minority will speak out and stand with their community. With their voices heard across America, youth will make their needs known, and with their hands raised, they will be counted and recognized for their talents, efforts, and achievements. - Bob Oong

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

For the second time in eight years we find ourselves in a national March on Washington, appealing to people of goodwill everywhere to give our lesbian daughters and gay sons the human and civil rights that the rest of us take for granted. In addition, we ask the community at large to show compassion and understanding to the disproportionate number of our children who have AIDS.

We are marching for all parents -- those who know and those who do not know that they have a gay or lesbian child. I remember well the March of 1979. After that March, several of us activist parents remained in Washington for a day and laid the ground- work for forming our national federation. Today, our national Federation of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, aka Parents FLAG, has 80 established Parents FLAG chapters and more than 100 chapters in formation or parent contacts in as many cities.

All of us are volunteers. We help families to understand their gay/lesbian family member and we try to change atitudes in the community at large. We provide parent to parent counseling, rap groups, and do workshops on "coming out to the family." We believe we have made a difference.

However, we could have a much greater impact, if more parents joined with us. As we prepare for this special March, I wonder how many of your parents know about your sexuality. How many of you sons and daughters have come out to your parents? I realize that everyonecan come out to th family; but is everyone who c come out actually doing Ask yourselves that question.

I remember that it wasn't e for me when my son first told he was gay 18 years ago. It the "dark ages" then; but in ti with guidance from my son with the love for my sustaining me,I learned abou group of people that I di know existed; a group of fi honest, sensitive human bei who are so grea misunderstood.

Had my son not shared with the truth about himself, I wo not have been able to help I appeal to you; think ab coming out to your family and us help you and your family in process of learning understand. Our joint task society at large will be a easier. -Adele Sta

S/M Leather Contingent

The S/M-Leather Contingent coalition of over 150 groups men and women from all cor of the United States. Though usually political, we have joi together because of our indivi commitments to the demand the March and our united desir join with the entire diversity of gay community. Yet, we march separately to assert right to choose any means o pressing our sexuality -o humanity -that is: **SAFE, SANE CONSENSUAL.**

SAFE: S/M and lea organizations and clubs h always stressed the need safety in all their activities, be riding motorcycles, avoiding A or making love. We spo classes, produce pamphlets, frequently have safety gude that must be adhered to as pa membership in our groups.

SANE: S/M is not violence. F is not neurosis. We have wo hard through lectures, commu

involvement and the media to stress these differences. While fantasy can frequently be an important part of our activity, we are always grounded in the reality of our actions.

CONSENSUAL: Consenting adults should have the right to privacy. We join all gay men and lesbians in condemning and deploring the Hardwicke decision and, most strongly, working for the end to all sodomy laws. Additionally, we assert the need for equality of the partners in any relationship. While it may not appear so to the outsider, consensuality is a basic ingredient in every sexual act.

Because so many of us look and dress differently from mainstream society, we have often been targets of prejudice, sometimes even from other gays and lesbians. Because of lack of understanding of what we do and why we do it, we have been the objects of fear and derision. Because of societal inhibitions, many of us are unable to explore our own needs and cannot make the important "second coming out" necessary for total personal freedom. We may, in the 80s, be able to take pride in our homosexuality, but few of us live and work in environments that allow us to openly admit to our specific sexuality. Like other gays and lesbians, we, too, are teachers, lawyers, doctors... In fact, statistics say that we are ten percent of the entire gay and straight population. Though some of us are able to join this contingent, many of us are marching with other groups. We are in the choruses, bands, regional delegations; we are vets, couples, youth and elderly. We are everywhere partly because we don't limit our participation to our sexual identity and partly because many of us can not yet safely declare our orientation. But, as Stonewall marked the beginning of the gay pride movement, so this contingent and our participation in this March celebrate the beginning of our community pride.

- Barry Douglas,GMSMA
Brenda Howard,LSM

VETERANS

On Oct. 11th, lesbians, gays and our friends will converge upon Washington,D.C. to participate in the largest civil rights demonstration ever. Among those proud marchers will be thousands who once wore U.S. military uniforms in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Lebanon and other conflicts of peacetime duty. Many of us realize that the policies that led to our military services were wrong in some instances. But the fact remains that we answered the call and unselfishly gave of ourselves-some of us with our lives. In recognition of the service of lesbians and gays in the U.S. military, the National March on

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OLD/OLDER/ SENIOR CONCERNS

At the establishing meeting of the National March on Washington for Lesbian/Gay Rights, November 15-16, 1986, the structure committee established a caucus of the March for "older" Lesbians/Gays. This was, as far as I know, a "first" and I found it pretty exciting. Happily it was adopted and toward the end of the meeting I was elected to be the Steering Committee member for that slot.

Since there is no national organization, as such, for older people, I coined the phrase "Old/Older/Senior" to cover us. That appellation is no accident. It seems necessary to include everyone. I, personally, prefer the word: Old, since it is a good, clean, clear-cut term which describes us, quite graphically. But others insist on "Older" since technically everyone is – a new-born baby is older than one born yesterday, and on and on we go. "Senior" is another euphemism which has great coinage, and is widely used. So up came the three words and so far they seem to be standing the test of time. As soon as a better, or more comprehensive term comes along, I will leap at it.

Then has come the mobilization: my first chore was to connect with groups of our community, including the gerontology groups which are often staffed by younger people, but who do a variety of services for the community. Of particular note is SAGE which commenced in New York. That one stands for Seniors in a Gay Environment. It has an outstanding reputation as a service organization. Other groups were contacted, and each urged to mention the March at meetings, in newsletters and to make it a part of the program. Also I have contacted various older persons from around the country, whom I knew or got referrals to, and I am hoping that each and every one of them has attended March meetings, or hosted them, or in some way has had a positive affect upon the March. Since there is no national organization of us, it has often seemed as if I were re-inventing the wheel each day and maybe that is what it is.

There seems to be a growing recognition that we old folk constitute an asset in some previously not noticed proportions and thus we are getting onto boards and standing committees. Let us hope that many of us will be marching with the groups where we have primary loyalty. There is discussion of our marching behind our own banner, and should enough interest manifest in that, we'll be doing that--and for the first time.

This is a first generation of old/older/senior members of our community and how wonderful that is! Prior to this generation we were the subjects of violence, some self-inflicted, or were in the closet so far back that our presence was one of quiet misery. Now with twenty years of vigorous liberation, we are creating a community out of old people. How wonderful that is! What an asset we are! How much we have to give to each of our younger sisters/brothers, if they care to listen.

- Morris Kight

"Every time I look around I see gay people who are just sitting and not doing. The only way to change that is to get involved locally and nationally. I don't wish to see any more of my brothers die without a chance to say we are proud to be gay."

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Washington will be preceeded by a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery at 9:30 AM.

Historically, veterans have been an invisible part of the lesbian and gay community and movement. We have been reluctant to identify ourselves for a variety of reasons. Those of us who fought in the Vietnam War are particularly reticent to say who we are and what we have done. We faced scorn, derision and hatred when we returned home. We were blamed for policies over which we had no control or understanding, and were characterized as deranged and crazed in print and on film- not much different from the characterization lesbians and gays have had to endure for years. But the time for hiding has ended. Not only is it imperative that gays and lesbians come out of the closet to stand up as proud and free individuals demanding our rights, but also that we as veterans rise up and show middle America our presence. We are indeed everywhere. We were on the front lines defending their rights against the Nazis in World War II and when our government called upon us again, we went to Korea and Vietnam. We fought, bled and died in faraway places because they told us it was our duty.

The very existence of this country was paid for in part by lesbian and gay blood. It is time we confronted the Falwells, Dannemeyers and other pseudo-patriots with that cold,hard fact. That is why it is so important that we gay and lesbian veterans make ourselves visible. Right-wingers are hard pressed to attack veterans. It goes against their militaristic grain and makes them very uncomfortable.

Our time has come.Just as we fought on the front lines with our straight comrades in arms, we will march and fight on the front lines with our gay brothers and lesbian sisters to demand that the rights we helped guarantee for others will no longer be denied to us.

- Bill Lake

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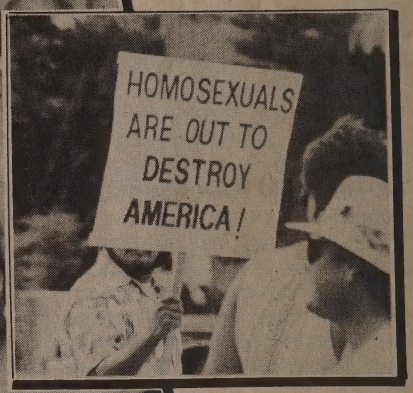


J.E.B.

"For gay men & lesbians to make our presence felt, it is important that we state what we want from society in general. It is important for our community to be together in one place."

Kelly Hill
San Francisco, CA

"My reason for going is twofold-- first this March is an opportunity for us to show our strength as a community and to show that, in the face of the AIDS crisis, we are getting stronger. Secondly, I see the March as a chance to experience, express and share the pride and joy I feel about being a lesbian and being part of this community."

Kimberly Miller
Los Angeles, CA

"The lesbian and gay community has a crossroads. It's time for us to unleash a political and cultural offensive in defense of our basic rights for community empowerment. The National March is a key part of this process, and that's why I'm proud to participate."

Rhonda Levine, PhD
Santa Barbara, CA

"I'm angry about the way gay and lesbian people are treated and I want the government to know I'm angry."

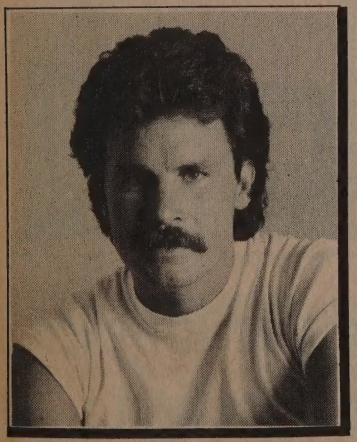
Ron Alexander, PhD
Santa Barbara, CA

Holly Near

-IRENE YOUNG

It's time for coalition in music, as well as politics. I do think the people who do meaningful music can be healers as well as inspirations. If you don't put something in the place of what you have to tear down, you're just doing damage. I challenge people about all the stuff around straight and lesbian issues. My music says,"I am all those things. I celebrate them in myself and I think it's contagious."

Holly Near is a composer, performer, lyricist and cultural worker. She will be performing at the rally before the March.



Michael Kearns

Those of us, gay and lesbian, who dare to call ourselves artists share an urgent responsibility: confronting AIDS in our chosen discipline. There is no time left to camouflage our unpopular sexual identities by catering to the mainstream. The mainstream will kill us. Our sexual practices must remain safe but we must take risks in our artistic expression. Be defiant. Be angry. Be true. The visibility and boldness of gay and lesbian artists is imperative to our survival. Our penetrating personal stories have more power than millions of magazine articles and television newsclips. If there is hope, we can find it; if there is a cure, we as artists must openly and actively join the search party. Art educates. Art empowers. Art enlivens. And possibly, dispersed with enormous love and in great abundance, art can heal.

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the Southern California Gay Rights Chapter of the ACLU. He helped found Artists Confronting AIDS and GALTA (Gay and Lesbian Theatre Alliance).

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exhume the heart of a poet
dead with grief.

Homo-fear that lurks within
eats the soul quicker
than wicked leer-grins
from enemies which crouch
without.

Homo-fear is slain by light.
Come out.
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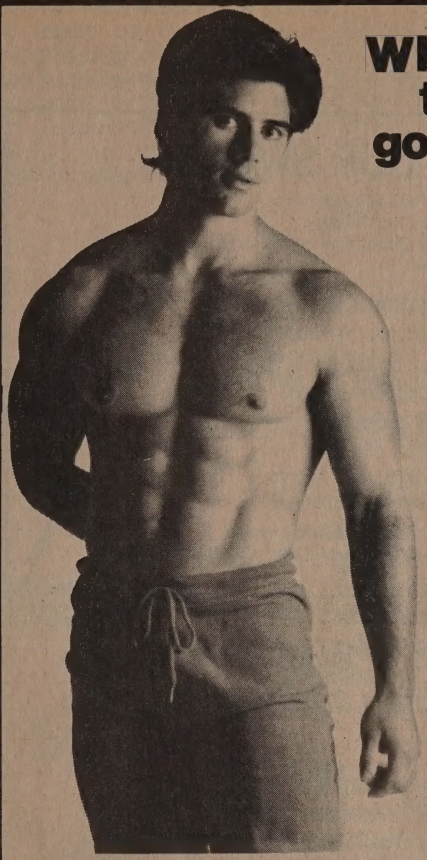
Life is short;
the Quest is very long.

James Carroll Pickett is a Los Angeles playwright,co-founder of Artists Confronting AIDS and co-producer of the docudrama AIDS/US.



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volunteers who don't know a tort from a tart.

Hyde's ability to stick with this kind of work and enjoy it appears grounded in three areas: If astrology is your bag, see Sue as a Leo, moon in Aquarius and Capricorn rising.

If you prefer a psychological model, imagine the conversion experience that comes when your Catholic mother dies and you realize that you, too, are going to die some day; maybe that day is tomorrow.

If training and education are your reality's primary informants, think of Sue as a woman who spent 11 years attending four universities majoring in a plethora of subjects and earning no degree. Then see her spending 10 years working with a women's cultural production collective in St. Louis. Then see her as News Editor for Boston's *Gay Community News*.

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Hyde talks about the potence of doing political work that comes from the very fabric of

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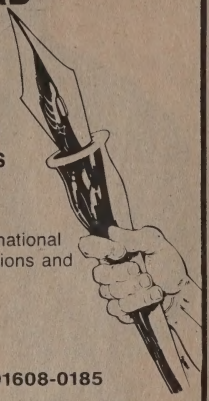

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ALMOST SUBSUMED

Lester Lee was raised in San Francisco where he was closeted. Lester Lee went to school and worked in Ann Arbor where he remained closeted. Lester Lee came out of the closet in Durham, N.C.

Lee's description of his parents' (second generation American Chinese) attempts to become the typical American family are almost comical if not taken in the context of the times.

Lee heard the message: study hard, get a degree, get a job, be safe and fit in. Academia and research offered an especially cozy closet.

At least until he moved to Durham. How could the kind of intolerance for difference seen here (especially racial and sexual) be tolerated by otherwise reasonable people? Making people with AIDS into lepers confused him even more. Was this America in the '80s or Europe in the Dark Ages ? The answer let Lee see all that the American dream *wasn't* . Visions of fag-bashers is a pretty

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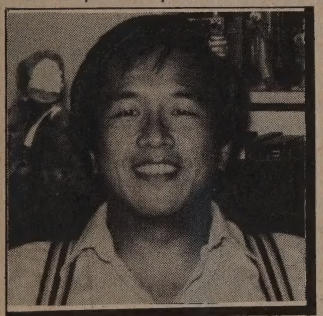
Lee is one of six members of the steering committee of the North Carolina Lesbian and Gay Health Project. His expertise in grant writing has resulted in funding for the Project from the Fund for Southern Communities, Chicago Resource Center and the Virginia Smith Reynolds Foundation. Hands Across America has supplied emergency monies for PWA's and a residential program. He's busy on a program that will get AIDS education into the triangle area's black community.

Of equal importance to the



Project's work is the sense of community that comes from doing that work. "The process of working with good folks is important." And "No matter how little one does, it's significant."

FAMILY

Carolyn Mobley is one of the most well liked and respected members of Atlanta's gay community; that speaks worlds in a town where gay groups tend more toward polarization than accomodation.

Mobley describes a profound triple conversion experience at the age of 10: her father--a mean, drunk disabled vet--died; grandma--her most favorite person--died; Carolyn became a Christian; her sister caught her making out with another girl and told their mom that Carolyn was "funny".

Mobley's loving and accepting God is one that all too few gays seem to know. Here's a Christian who says she supports the requests of gay atheists that their issues be included in the National March's agneda.

A second conversion came shortly after her graduation from college. She met a Baptist missionary at a convention, brought her home to mama's house and spent a week making mad passionate love with the woman.

A move to Atlanta and enrollment at the International Theological Center brough Mobley in contact with an openly gay white man working on his ordination in the Metropoitan Community Church.

After graduation, Mobley ran a Southern Baptist Home Missionary Service Center for five years attending social functions with a lover and never hiding her lesbianism. Out of the blue came a demand that she officially avow her sexuality (and be fired) or resign. She chose the latter so that she would have time to train a replacement and say good-bye to the people she worked with. Mobley's lover offer's the suggestion that sexuality wasn't the issue; having a powerful black woman working in the Southern Baptist church was.

Most of Mobley's work has been in MCC ; she's an on-again, off-again member of the Femisnist Women's Chorus and sings with the Lambda Chorale.

Mobley's election to the board of a local community service organization gave high hopes to many that her quiet, powerful style would help stabilize the volitility. She recently resigned that post describing her work there as "throwing good seed among thorns and thistles." Strong words, but they're offered without a trace of anger or resentment.

Mobley's experience on that board led to the realization that many Black gays needed experience with their own community before they would be comfortable joining the activity of an almost all white group. The result is the African American Lesbian Gay Alliance."If it's gonna work, an organization must grow out of the needs of the members." Taking responsibility for ourselves. Creating our own community. Doing both with compassion and attention. Call it activism, Mobley style.

- Gary Kaupman

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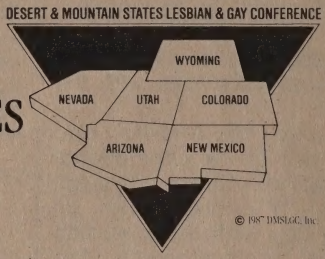

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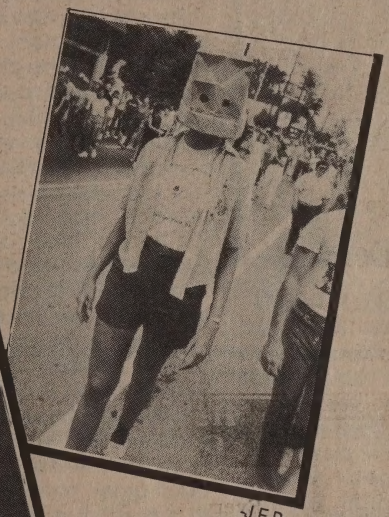

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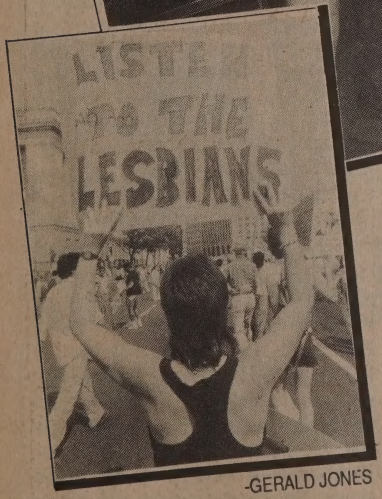


-GERALD JONES

"As long as my health allows, I feel compelled to attempt to participate in the March."

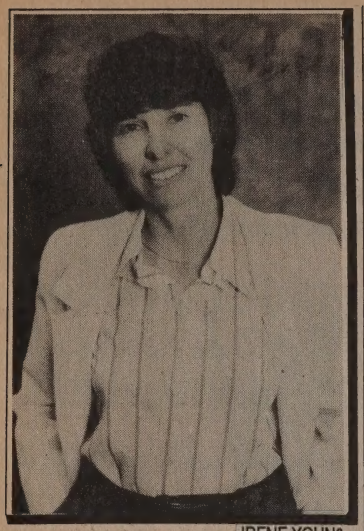
Ron Flowers
Scott City, MO
PWA

"It's important to show up in large numbers and show that we aren't going to take this oppression lying down, but let's face it, when you get a quarter of a million dykes and faggots in Washington, it's going to be the biggest party you've ever seen."

Joel Hershey
St. Louis, MO

"I took the year off to do some education in the area of black awareness and lesbian and gay rights and the March brings it all together for me. I will make a presentation at my high school in D.C. on blacks, lesbians and gays. This also gives me the opportunity to introduce my family to my new lover."

Evee Smith
Portland, OR



-IRENE YOUNG

Karen Thompson

Karen Thompson has been fighting for Sharon Kowalski's life for over two years. Lovers since 1979, in November, 1983 Sharon was severely disabled in a car accident leaving her paraplegic and brain damaged. Sharon's parents, shortly after learning about their daughter's relationship with Karen Thompson, took legal steps to ensure that Karen would have no further involvement in Sharon's life. Their homophobia has done much more than separate their daughter from her lover. The Kowalskis, in their anger and unfounded fear, have also denied their daughter the right to associate with whom she pleases, to have a voice in her own recovery and to speak with the attorney of her choice.

The Kowalski's reaction to Sharon's admission of her relationship with Karen was typical of many parents. They denied their daughter was a lesbian, accused Thompson of being "sick and crazy," and they immediately tried to move Sharon from St. Cloud Hospital. They did not care that the hospital did not have the rehabilitative facilities their daughter needed during a critical period of her recovery.

"That sent me to an attorney," Thompson stated. "I wanted to know if they could move Sharon because it would be more convenient for them, even if it wasn't in (Sharon's) best medical interest, and if they could decide who couldn't see her."

Thompson filed for guardianship of Sharon, as did the Kowalskis, but she did not pursue it. She decided to settle outside of court, "probably my first big mistake," Thompson states. In April, 1984 she allowed Donald Kowalski to be appointed Sharon's legal guardian in a settlement that allowed her equal access to and visitation with Sharon, as well as equal input into her medical affairs. The court order also stated that Sharon could not be removed from St. Cloud without the mutual consent of Karen and Sharon's parents. Within a few months, Donald Kowalski, against the court order, had Sharon moved to a hospital in Duluth, making it impossible for Karen to see Sharon except on weekends.

Sharon's condition deteriorated at Miller-Dawn Hospital. While at St. Cloud, Sharon had made continuous progress in her recovery. She was able to sit on the edge of her bed and feed herself, comb her hair and brush her teeth. She communicated using hand signals and later was able to use an electric typewriter which Karen brought to her.

The Kowalskis blamed Karen's visits, not her absence, for Sharon's depression and lack of continued progress. Sharon's competency was tested in Duluth after she began to regress and withdraw. Donald Kowalski tried numerous motions to remove all of Karen's visitation rights. Sharon was not allowed in the courtroom nor was she allowed to be represented by the MCLU which she requested by typing and signing her name.

In July, 1985 Donald Kowalski was granted unlimited guardianship and within 24 hours Sharon was moved to a nursing home with no rehabilitation facilities. Kowalski immediately banned all visits by Karen. "That order didn't just eliminate me from Sharon's life. It also eliminated a lot of friends from the six years before the accident, and it barred her court-appointed attorney and the MCLU from visiting. It's almost impossible to get in to see her."

Karen and Sharon have not talked or touched or seen one another since August 19, 1985. Appeals of the guardianship decision have not been successful. Numerous motions to have Sharon tested for competency by a qualified neutral medical doctor, to be allowed access to the MCLU, to be present in the courtroom, and to have a say in the decisions affecting her own life have been denied. But Karen Thompson does not give up.

With a background in Occupational Therapy and the psychology of motivation, Thompson is knowledgeable about Sharon's needs and capable of caring for her. Thompson asks, "What would do more for the quality of Sharon's life: living in her home with attendants taking care of her when I couldn't be there, going to St. Cloud Rehabilitation Center for her therapy, and doing all the things she did before her accident -- or staying in Hibbing's Leasure Hills Nursing Home?" Thompson has incurred over $100,000 in legal expenses fighting for Sharon's right to recovery and for her right to be a part of that recovery. Thompson stresses that her fight is not just one for lesbian and gay rights. "This case is appalling and frightening: it's establishing case law that could be used not only against gay and lesbian couples and unmarried hetero-

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Sharon Day

Being out provides me freedom to be myself in private and in public; to acknowledge and embrace my identity as an Indian lesbian. In order to achieve balance and harmony with others, one must first strive for balance and harmony within oneself.

Sharon Day, is of the Marten clan and the Ojibway Nation. She is thirty-five , has two teenage daughters, who live with herself and her lover, Angela Carlos. She works for the state of Minnesota administering funds for Indian alcohol and drug programs.

Jane Levin

Coming out has given me the courage to overcome fear and take other risks. I feel blessed and cherish the opportunity to participate in the organizing for the March on Washington.

Jane Levin is a psychologist, teacher/learner and activist.

Harvey Hertz

When I grew up, there was no word like "gay", only words like queer and faggot. I spent my growing-up years keeping my secret from the world, internalizing my homophobia. At 18, I started using drugs to ease my pain. They fit in with all the stories I had read about homosexuals who all died or killed themselves. In 1979, I went through chemical dependency treatment. I came out to stop having to keep secrets and to be able to stop lying to myself and others. My life has been much more rewarding since I'm at peace with myself. In 1983 I opened a gay and lesbian bookstore so I could find out more about myself and other gays and lesbians. I know now that I'm not just a freak accident. Helping other people who are coming out to find books that help them and their families is wonderful. I wish it had been available when I was younger.

Harvey Hertz is the owner of A Brother's Touch, a gay and lesbian bookstore in Minneapolis.

"I have to. I have friends who aren't around any more, who can't go. I have to be there for them."
Fred Menard
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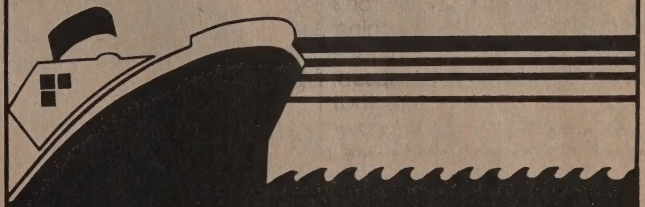

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Alison Bechdel

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Alison Bechdel is an artist living in St Paul.

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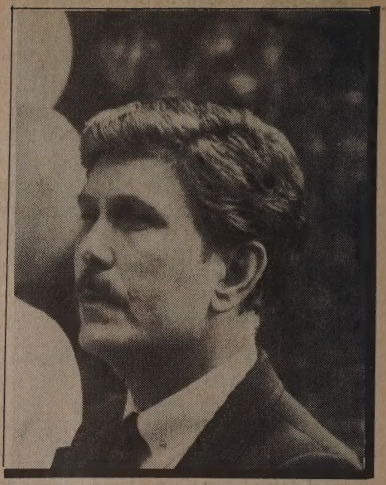

Julian B. Rush

I decided to declare my gayness publicly because I could no longer live a lie. Watching so many of my brothers and sisters suffering silently, just as I had for so many years, became a burden I could no longer tolerate. The decision to come out resulted in the termination of my fulltime church career. As an openly gay person, I know what it means to be alive, truly alive, for the first time in my life.

Julian B. Rush, executive director of the Colorado AIDS Project, is the only openly gay minister within the United Methodist Church under appointment to a church.

Karen Thompson cont.
sexual couples living togehter, but against every single human being, as well. In one split-second any of us could become Sharon Kowalski."

-Chris Cash

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Rally Schedule

RALLY: All information on SPEAKERS, MC'S, and ENTERTAINERS was current as of 9/14/87. Additional persons are expected to participate and complete information will be printed out by the March Committee at the time of the March. Due to printing deadlines, a complete list was impossible to include.

Morning: SPEAKERS
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Morning: MC's
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Afternoon:SPEAKERS
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Virginia Apuzzo
Karen Thompson
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Lynn Lavner and Tom Ammiano

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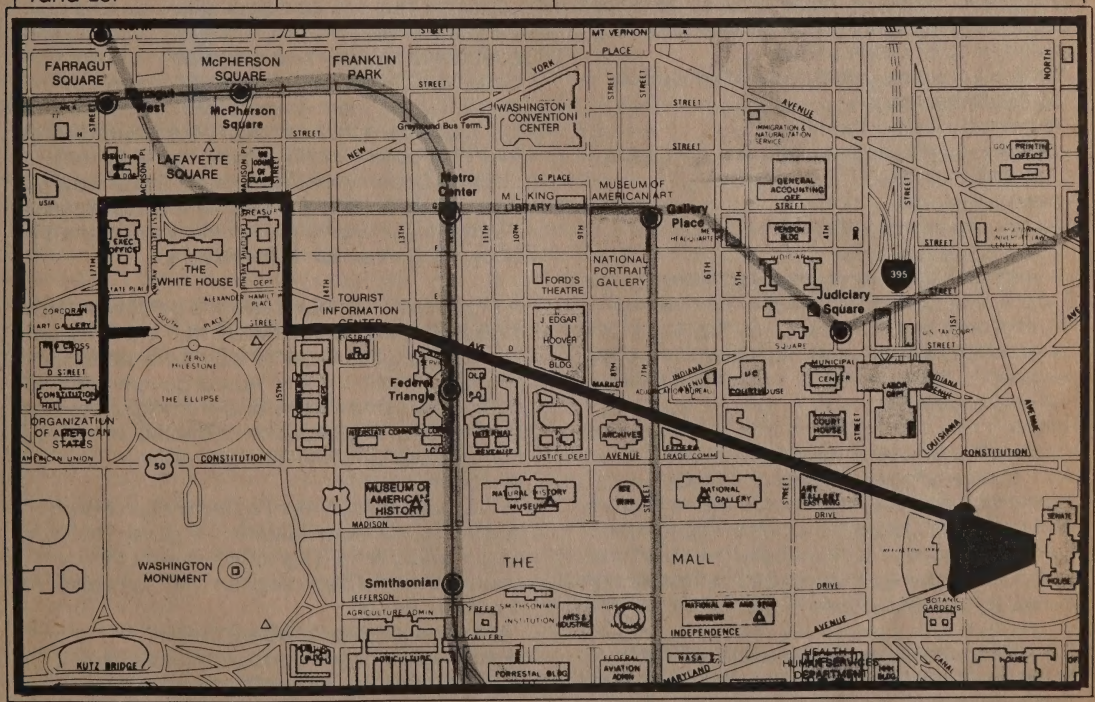

Demonstrators will gather at the Ellipse (15th and Constitution Ave., N.W.) at 9 a.m. for the morning rally. At 12 noon, the march will begin with the first contingent stepping off the Ellipse onto 17th Street. The march will head north to Pennsylvania Avenue, proceed east to 15th Street (past the White House), then south on 15th Street to E Street, east on Pennsylvania Avenue to the Capitol. The afternoon rally will be held on the West Steps of the Capitol.

MARCH

DEMANDS

THE LEGAL RECOGNITION OF LESBIAN AND GAY RELATIONSHIPS: lesbian and gay male domestic partners are entitled to the same rights as married heterosexual couples; social services for lesbian and gay youth should be greatly augmented.

Outside of rarely tested contract law, no option exists to provide lesbian and gay partners equal opportunity to form legally recognized relationships. What does exist are laws and opinions that clearly discriminate in favor of heterosexual marital relationships.

Changes must be made in the courts and the legislatures to provide homosexual couples the same privileges and benefits as heterosexuals who commit themselves to similar relationships. Changes must also be made in public opinion so that society recognizes and celebrates the diversity in family relationships.

These changes include but are not limited to:

- rights of inheritance
- extended medical benefits
- visitation and custody rights
- insurance rights
- parenting rights
- foster care opportunities
- adoption opportunities
- immigration rights for a citizen's spouse

Since lesbian and gay youth are often without societal and familial support, funding for a broad range of social services is needed and must be targeted to them, including, but not limited to:

- alternative housing
- foster care
- counseling services, including legal aid

Also at issue is the availability of safe sex information and health care services for lesbian and gay youth, sexuality and anti-homophobic curriculum in the schools, access to lesbian and gay publications in public and school libraries and freedom to participate in related school activities.

THE REPEAL OF ALL LAWS THAT MAKE SODOMY BETWEEN CONSENTING ADULTS A CRIME: all state and federal laws criminalizing consensual sex should be repealed as they violate the constitutional right to privacy.

Sodomy laws form the cornerstone of discrimination against lesbian and gay people. Since 1961, 25 states have decriminalized private consensual adult sexual activity. Lawmakers in those states have broadened personal freedoms, reduced governmental intrusion, expanded protection of privacy and relieved their states' criminal justice systems of a vague and discriminatory law. All citizens benefit when sodomy laws are reformed.

- Like Jim Crow laws of the American South which sanctioned and promoted racism, sodomy laws give the government's stamp of approval to the hatred of lesbian and gay people. To single out lesbian and gay people for special prosecutorial attention stigmatizes all who are gay and lesbian whether or not they are ever arrested or charged with sodomy.
- Sodomy laws bolster the application of other laws used to restrict gay and lesbian peoples freedom of association and movement. Gay bars are raided and customers charged with "lewd and lacivious behavior", "gross indecency" or "disorderly conduct". Police and prosecutors claim they were foiling the more henious crime of sodomy by bar patrons since gay bars are meeting places for unconvicted criminals.
- Sodomy laws are used against lesbian and gay people in a variety of noncriminal contexts. Most commonly, sodomy laws are cited in custody cases to discredit lesbian and gay parents by characterizing them as immoral as evidenced by laws making their conduct illegal regardless of their abilities to provide a loving home for their children. Sodomy laws are used in similar ways against lesbian and gay people seeking security clearances or applying for professional licenses or attempting to remain in the military.

A PRESIDENTIAL ORDER BANNING DISCRIMINATION BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT: that the President ban by Executive Order all discrimination based on sexual orientation in the federal government particularly in the military and in immigration; that the President end exclusion of people with AIDS or HIV-antibody positivity from government employment.

Eliminating employment discrimination based solely on sexual orientation in the government sector would send a signal to the rest of the country that this discrimination is immoral and should be illegal.

A strong response to redress present discriminatory policies and practices is the USE OF FULL PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORITY to eliminate all discrimination based on sexual orientation in all aspects of executive branch employment, programs and policies.

More specifically:

- A Presidential Executive Order should be issued

to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation in federal employment, the military, federally-contracted private employment, granting security clearances and all federally funded programs.
- Since excluding lesbian and gay people from this country has no valid medical or scientific basis, the public health exclusion policy should be eliminated.
- All military regulations discriminating against lesbian and gay people should be eliminated, including sodomy regulations. Upgrades of all less than honorable military discharges based on homosexuality should be granted with fully restored benefits
- A Presidential Order should be issued guaranteeing uncensored access to information for lesbian and gay prisoners, equal visitation rights and protection from discrimination based on AIDS and/or sexual orientation.
- The Justice Department shall stop interpreting laws to deny civil rights of lesbian and gay people as well as other people, including repeal of their interpretation discriminating against workers associated with AIDS.

PASSAGE OF THE CONGRESSIONAL LESBIAN AND GAY CIVIL RIGHTS BILL: That a federal bill banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation be passed.

Twenty million Americans can lose their jobs regardless of performance if their private sexual orientation becomes known. Thousands more can lose their shelter if their sexual orientation becomes known to their landlords or to a housing authority. Still thousands more can lose their right to participate in federally-assisted programs.

A Congressional civil rights bill would give lesbian and gay people the same basic civil rights that other citizens take for granted.

In addition:
- The government should provide protection from discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment,public accomodations and education just as protection is provided regardless of race, creed, color,sex or national origin.
- The government must also pass, strengthen and enforce civil rights and criminal laws making violence and harrassment against lesbian and gay people illegal.
- The government should ensure all public education programs include programs designed to combat lesbian/gay prejudice.
- The government should allocate federal funds to identify and eliminate violence and harrassment of lesbian and gay people.
- Institutions that discriminate against lesbian and gay people should be denied tax-exempt status and federal funding.

AN END TO DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PEOPLE WITH AIDS,ARC,HIV-POSITIVE STATUS OR THOSE PERCEIVED TO HAVE AIDS. MASSIVE INCREASES IN FUNDING FOR AIDS EDUCATION,RESEARCH AND PATIENT CARE. MONEY FOR AIDS, NOT FOR WAR.

Discrimination based on real or perceived AIDS,ARC or HIV anitbody-positivity must be ended in the public and private sectors; funding for AIDS education (including safe sex information),research and patient care be massively increased; these monies must come from the military budget, **not** existing social services.

Right wing extremists have seized upon the AIDS epidemic as an excuse to promulgate ordinances and legislation which attack lesbian and gay people.

Elected representatives at the county,city,state and federal levels must oppose any bills or ordinances whose effects would be to limit the civil rights of persons with AIDS orARC, persons with HIV antibodies or persons in groups thought to be at high risk to HIV infection.

In addition:
- There must be an end to discrimination in the delivery of health care, insurance,social services, housing,employment, public accomodations and education.
- There must be no federal funding or tax advantages for organizations or businesses that discriminate.
- Compassionate,comprehensive health care services must be available for patients without regard to ability to pay. Special attention must be given to health care services for people of color and those in economic disadvantaged areas.
- Federal, state and local governments must protect the absolute confidentiality of anyone tested for the HIV virus.
- The government must provide safe sex education to all youth.

Short of a cure, the only means available to break the chain of HIV infectiontransmission is a comprehensive, well-funded public education program. Additional govenment appropriations are needed to continue and expand prevention efforts along with research and patient services.

Funding for these programs must come form the military budget, not already existing appropriations in the social service budget. Social service programs which are already underfunded cannot be pitted against one another to provide funding.

More specifically:
- There must be complete federal funding of all health and social services for all people with AIDS/ARC.
- The federal government must underwrite and

insure all research for a cure and a vaccine.
- The federal government must fund a massive AIDS education and prevention program that is explicit, culturally sensitive,lesbian and gay affirming and sex positive.

REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM, THE RIGHT TO CONTROL OUR OWN BODIES AND AN END TO SEXIST OPPRESSION.

A person's right to control her/his own body is basic to controlling her/his life economically,socially and spiritually. The lesbian and gay civil rights movement recognizes that limiting control of reproductive rights has been used to control women over the centuries. This sexist oppression is promoted and practiced by the same people who deny lesbians and gay people the right to practice our sexuality freely. In order for all of us to be free, sexist oppression must be stopped.
More specifically:
- All people must have access to birth control, with the recognition that birth control is the responsibility of both sexes.
- Those who wish must have the right to artificial insemination by donor.
- Public and private institutions should support parenting by lesbian or gay couples.
- There must be an end to sterilization abuse.
- All people must have access to free abortions and contraceptives on demand regardless of age.
- Congress must enact the Equal Rights Amendment.

AN END TO RACISM IN THIS COUNTRY AND APARTHEID IN SOUTH AFRICA.

Any form of discrimination is unacceptable. Discrimination against any group in society affects all people living in that society. Racism both denies basic human rights to sizeable minorities of the population and robs society of the talents and resources of productive and useful members

In order to secure the rights of all people, we must rid society of the fears, prejudices and laws that prevent any person from realizing her/his potential. In order for lesbian and gay people to be free, racist oppression must be stopped.
In addition:
- Apartheid is racism in its ugliest and most blatant form. It violates all human rights and it must end.
- Freedom must be secured for South African black gay activist Simon Nkodi who is facing treason charges.
- Freedom must also be secured for all South African political prisoners.
- The lesbian and gay civil rights movement supports the South African fredom struggle and we demand an end to U.S. governmental and corporate support of South African apartheid.

As members of the lesbian and gay movement, we too are affected by rising racism and sexism which oppresses people of color and women; thereby the liberation of lesbians and gay is intricately linked to the struggle against racism,sexism and anti-semitism. We realize that none of us are free until we are all free. We therefore call upon all of our sisters and brothers to actively confront racism and sexism on all levels both within our movement and in the larger society. We demand an end to all social, economic,judicial and legal oppression of lesbians and gays,and people of every race, gender,ability,class, ethnincity,faith,political ideology, transgenderal orientation and sexual orientation.

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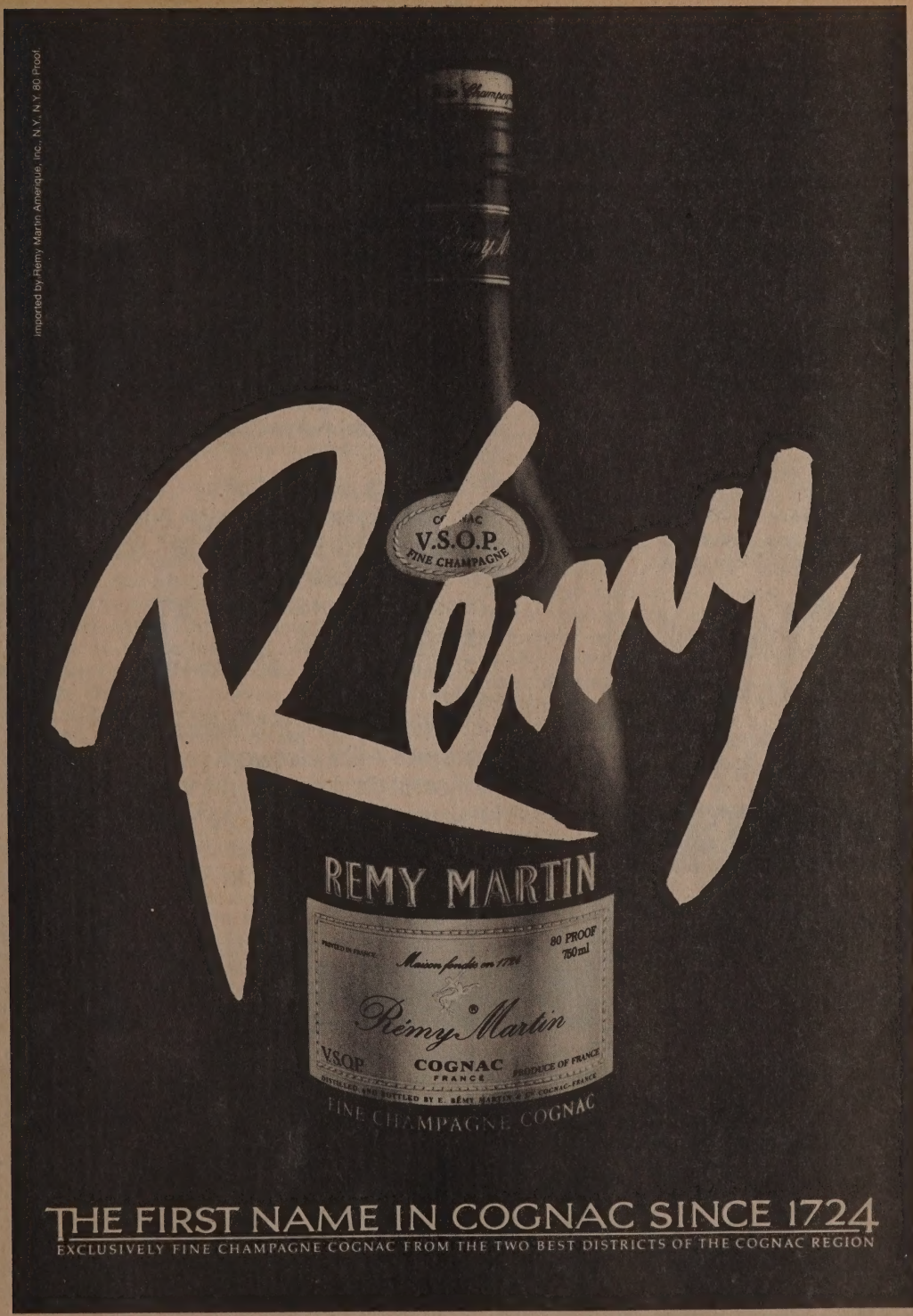
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"LET FREEDOM RING"

On Saturday, October 10 the Lesbian and Gay Bands of America (LGBA) will present a gala benefit concert at Washington's historic DAR Constitution Hall at 8:00 PM. The concert will benefit:

- ▼-National Association of People with AIDS
- ▼-National AIDS Network
- ▼ -Whitman-Walker AIDS Foundation (Washington, DC)
- ▼-Fund for Human Dignity
- ▼-Human Rights Campaign Fund
- ▼-National March on Washington Committee
- ▼ -Lesbian and Gay Bands of America

The concert will include a performance by the LGBA massed band including musicians, twirlers and tall flags from the 13 lesbian/gay concert and marching bands from around the country. In addition, the program will also include performances by the Denver Women's Chorus and the Gay Men's Chorus of Washington. Other surprise guests will be included. Music will include light classics for symphonic band, men's, women's and mixed chorus; Broadway and popular tunes. The artistic director for the concert is Jay Kast, music director of the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band and Twirling Corps; the concert producer is Don Niehus of D.C.'s Different Drummers (Washington).

All seats for the concert are reserved. Ticket prices are: $35--box seats; $25, $20--orchestra; $15, $12.50--side; and $12.50, $7.50--rear.

This concert will mark LGBA's fifth anniversary. LGBA bands are located in Boston, New York, Washington, South Florida, Dallas, Houston, Minneapolis, Denver, Phoenix, Seattle, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego. LGBA provides assistance to groups and individuals interested in starting bands in other cities.

NATIONAL LESBIAN & GAY RIGHTS CONGRESS

There will be a planning meeting on Monday, October 12, to discuss the formation of a National Lesbian & Gay Rights Congress which will convene in 1988. The Congress will be a nationally representative body of gay men and lesbians whose purpose is to form a consensus on the issues facing lesbians and gays, to prioritize those issues and to develop means and methods of addressing those issues. The voting body of the Congress will consist of one female and one male delegate from each of the U.S. Congressional Districts as well as alternate delegates. Each delegation will be racially and ethnically representative of the district from which it comes. Gender parity will be maintained on the voting floor of the Congress during all active sessions.

The planning meeting for the Congress will be co-chaired by Ray Hill of Houston who first proposed the establishment of the Congress in 1978. Hill states, "The time has come that we need a body with national clout. I think that it is now our responsibility to defend our Constitution. I believe that we have the courage and pride to do that." Hill envisions the Congress as a series of major gatherings, not as an organization.

The process by which delegates will be chosen will be defined at the October 12 meeting. The agenda will also include discussion of location, time and length of the first meeting of Congress. Facilitating committees will also be ratified. One does not need to be a delegate to serve on these committees.

Hill believes that the "political evolution" of National March organizing provides the best foundation from which to work. He sees taking March concepts and applying them to the "nuts and bolts" of the political system, to create a priority-setting mechanism for lesbians and gay men. Hill stresses that no one will be turned away from the planning meeting.

There are benefits beyond the serious objectives of the Congress. It can be a means of networking, sharing skills in local and regional organizing, pooling resources and can provide a forum for the exchange of new ideas and services. The Congress also has the potential of providing a meeting ground for new coalitions of political, professional and service groups

LOBBY DAY

One of the related events preceding the National March on Washington is a lobbying effort to articulate the March's demands to members of Congress. On October 8th and 9th, lesbians and gays will meet with their Representatives and Senators, many for the first time. Co-chaired by Jeff Levi, Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, and Paul Boneberg, Director of Mobilization Against AIDS, Lobby Day's goal is to meet with as many members of Congress as possible. Levi states, "The purpose of the Lobby Day will be to give an opportunity to those participating in the March to visit the offices of their elected Representatives and Senators. While the specific

agenda will be to explain and advocate the agenda of the March on Washington, the underlying purpose is to increase the visibility of lesbians and gay men in all congressional districts. In effect, we are trying to debunk the claims of too many elected officials that 'there are no gay people in my district.'" After Lobby Day, Levi states, "they won't be able to say that."In October, 1979, during the first lesbian and gay Lobby Day, constituents met with over 250 Congressional Representatives and 70 Senators. "We hope to exceed these figures in 1987," states Boneberg.

Levi states, "In advance of Lobby Day, assistance will be provided to individuals and groups in setting up meetings with members or staffers in Washington and/or home district offices. It is hoped that these meetings will be only the beginning of regular contact between gay and lesbian constituents and their members."

The various organizations working in Washington on gay/lesbian and AIDS issues will be preparing briefing papers on lobbying in general and on the specific issues at hand. On the morning of the Lobby Day they will conduct a briefing for those participating. A feedback mechanism will be used to assure that the national organizations will be able to follow up on the contacts made by the lobbyists in Washington for the March.

The National Organization for Women, the Human Rights Campaign Fund and the AIDS Action Council will also be involved to help make Lobby Day a success.

If you wish to participate in Lobby Day activities and have not been involved on a local level, you are urged to attend the briefing in D.C. For time and place of the briefing call the National March Office at (202) 783-1828.

NEVER FORGET

Remember how Harvey Milk used to talk about that kid from Altuna, Pennsylvania? You know, the one that thinks she or he is the only queer in the whole world. The one who searches desperately for a role model that isn't considered a "blight on society." The one who sometimes commits suicide after coming to the conclusion that lesbian and gay people never lead happy, successful and fulfilling lives.

We are all "that kid from Altuna." And, tragically, many of us who survived this societal child abuse were well into adulthood before we finally learned the truth; there are millions of us, in every community, of every background, race, creed, and ethnic origin. Throughout history, we have had an abundance of notable and worthy societal role models.

Yet, with all the advances that our community has made since America "discovered us" at Stonewall, society at large still refuses to publicly honor the achievements of lesbian/gay or bisexual individuals. It seems exceptions are made only when an individual's sexual orientation is obscurred or hidden entirely.

Will Americans have the opportunity to escape this institutionalized cycle of silence and learn the truth about our community's historic figures? Or will the next generation of lesbian/gay/bisexual people continue to be forbidden role models, condemning them to the same isolation so many of us were forced to endure?

It is time for us, as a community, to take responsibility for the needs of those future kids from Altuna.

On Saturday, October 10, at 11:00 A.M., as a part of the National March on Washington, a portion of land will be dedicated as the final resting place of Harvey Milk, at Congressional Cemetery in Washington, D.C., the first national cemetery created by an act of Congress in 1807.

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This ceremony will mark the beginning of a new national non-profit foundation called "Never Forget." Co-founded by Leonard Matlovich and Ken McPherson, Never Forget will create monuments in honor of those who have advanced the positive perception of our community, and place them in highly visible sights across our country.

The purposes of the foundation are threefold:

1.To assist in the creation of lasting historical monuments in honor of those who have advanced the positive perception of Gays and Lesbians throughout the world.

2.To maintain and preserve these monuments.

3.To create centralized documentation as to the location of these monuments, and information about the people they honor. In doing so, Never Forget hopes to contribute to the destruction of the homophobic ignorance that permeates the United States.

VETERANS MEMORIAL CEREMONY

As a tribute to the hundred thousand lesbians and gays who have died in the defense of our country, a wreath-laying ceremony will take place at The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. The ceremony will begin at 9:30 AM on Sun., Oct. 11th, prior to the March. Leonard Matlovich, Vietnam Veteran and a PWA, will be the honored guest and will lay the wreath. Bill Lake, committee chair of the Veterans Memorial Ceremony, states " In retrospect many of us realize that the policies that led to our military service, in some instances, were wrong. The fact remains that we answered the call and unselfishly gave of ourselves, some of us with our lives. The very existence of this country was paid for in part by lesbian and gay blood".

Currently, there are six veterans organizations who plan to attend the ceremony at Arlington Cemetery . These groups will also cross the Potomac after the wreath-laying and join the March as the last contingent. The organizations are: Alexander Hamilton American Legion, Post 448, San Francisco; Gay Veterans Association, Inc.,New York; Gay and Lesbian Veterans of New England, Boston; San Diego Veterans Association; and Veterans Council for American Rights and Equality (C.A.R.E.),Northern and Southern California.

The National Clarion Inn in Arlington, Va. will be the official headquarters for veterans attending the ceremony and March. There will be several days of events at the Clarion prior to the March. On Fri., Oct.9th a Welcome Rally will be held at 8:30PM. On Sat.,Oct 10th at 2:00 PM there will be a luncheon with several noteable speakers. Information on various gay and lesbian groups will be available. A donation of $20 is requested. Lake believes that the discussion will center around the need for a national gay and lesbian veterans organization. "Support among established lesbian and gay organizations is unanimous", he states. " It is clear to all that we need a united front to combat systematic discrimination against (us) and all service people. Bad discharges, mandatory HIV testing, denial of VA and retirement benefits to homosexuals,inadequate AIDS care in VA hospitals and physical and legal abuse of gays and lesbians in active service are just a few of the issues we must combat. To do that takes a strong national voice and organization".

THE WEDDING

A demonstration for equal Rights

"Love makes a family, Nothing Else, Nothing Less", the slogan chosen by organizers of The Wedding, speaks to the need for lesbian and gay families to be recognized,legally and socially. Carey Junkin, Wedding representative to the National Steering Committee for the March explains, " The government must stop acting as if we do not constitute legitimate families. As stable participants in this society we have the right to be entitled to the same privileges as those people now sanctioned and blessed by the State and Church." Originally conceived by Junkin and Walter Wheeler of Couples,Inc., The Wedding emphasizes the March demand for legal recognition of lesbian and gay relation and the benefits that are a part of that recognition.

The Wedding will be held on Sat., Oct.10th at 2:00 pm at 10th and Constitution Ave., in front of the IRS Building. It will be a short non-sectarian ceremony celebrating the on-going relationships of hundreds, perhaps thousands, of same-sex couples. Dina Bachelor, a metaphysical minister from California will perform the ceremony and Rev. Troy Perry, founder of The Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, will deliver the keynote address. A reception will follow at Tracks. Admission is $35 per couple and proceeds will help cover expenses for The Wedding and for The March. Entertainment, champagne and hors d'oeuvres will be provided for everyone.

The Wedding's purpose is twofold, it is a celebration for those couples involved and it is also a public demand for recognition of lesbian and gay coupling. We are nonexistent in the eyes of the government. We have no legal avenue to pursue in the areas of spousal benefits. Discrimination exists in medical

benefits, insurance, taxes and in custody of our children, adoptions, foster care and visitation rights. There is, in addition, no social approval of our relationships. For some, this is not important. But for others this is unacceptable.
General response to The Wedding has been very positive, according to Junkin and Wheeler. They have received committments from hundreds of lesbian and gay couples who intend to formalize their relationships on Oct. 10th,1987.

CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE

On October 13, 1987, as an official part of the March on Washington, lesbians, gays and their supporters will gather on the sidewalk and the steps of the Supreme Court in an act of non-violent civil disobedience to protest the Hardwick decision and to demand the right to privacy and to live as one chooses.

The Civil Disobedience Committee of the March on Washington has worked since November, 1986 to organize this historic event."**Out and Out raged: For Love, Life and Liber- ation**" was chosen by org- anizers as the theme for the civil disobedience action. Michelle Crone, Chair of the Civil Disobedience Committee states, "This promises to be a watershed for the lesbian and gay political movement. This will be the first time a large national direct action tactic has been used to fight exclusively for lesbian and gay civil rights." Susan Cavin, Coordinator of the NYC Civil Disobedience Committee states, "Lesbians and gay men have worked in the forefront and the background of every political movement there is. Now it's time to call in our cards. We can no longer afford to put ourselves last on our list of political priorities."

Traditionally, civil disobedience and non-violent resistance have been used as a last resort when all other remedies have failed. The feeling is that the *Hardwick v Bowers* decision, coupled with continued inadequate and inappropriate government response to the AIDS crisis, indicates that all of our previous efforts to secure our civil rights have failed.

Loren Laureano, a PWA from Houston, is actively involved in civil disobedience organizing. He was arrested, along with 63 others, on June 1, 1987 for civil disobedience action during the 3rd International Conference on AIDS in D.C. Laureano sees the October 13 civil disobedience as a constructive way to let the Supreme Court and the government know we are angry, particularly PWAs. "PWAs are entitled to be angry," Laureano says, "at the world, at the government, at the disease. We're holding our anger in and that's not healthy."

Flowing Margaret Johnson, from St. Louis, Missouri, is a lesbian committed to the use of non-violent resistance. She has worked on organizing the October 13 Supreme Court action since January, 1987. She believes lesbians have a unique perspective on oppression in this country. "Lesbians are true outsiders. We are the most invisible people. There has not been a successful liberation movement that did not involve civil disobedience or non-violent direct action. Nobody is going to willingly give us anything".

There will be special medical units and attorneys available on the site on October 13. PWAs will be assigned a "buddy" who will follow the PWA through the arrest process and any medical procedures if they are necessary. Ambulances will be provided by the American Red Cross and several hospitals have stated they will be ready should any emergencies arise.

Those who plan to participate in civil disobedience should meet on the East Side of the Capital Lawn, opposite the Supreme Court, by 9:00 A.M. on October 13. There will be a rally at the assembly point, followed by a demonstration on the sidewalk of the Supreme Court. It is legal to demonstrate on the sidewalk in front of the Court. Anyone who goes onto the steps of the building risks arrest. Penalties may vary and complete information will be provided to participants prior to the civil disobedience action.

The Names Project

Many people who have died from AIDS will be participating in the National March on Washington in a symbolic way. Their names will be placed on 3x6 panels of fabric created by friends, lovers or family. The NAMES project was originated by Cleve Jones from San Francisco as " a positive way to deal with grief instead of wallowing in it." Jones said that his best friend died from AIDS last October. The project is expected to include over 10,000 panels at the March. These panels will have been stitched together to form one massive quilt and they will be displayed on the morning of the March at Capitol Mall. The NAMES project, which is expected to cover over four blocks of the mall, is a positive expression of personal loss as well as a dramatic illustration of the impact of AIDS on American society.

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Double Jeopardy

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We want to use our skills to be useful, constructive members within our communities. We must pledge that we will not accept the insults, bigotry, hatred, hostility and violence that we have accepted or expected to take in silence. We will be silent no more. We will not allow our lives to be wasted by ignorance. We know that we can contribute to our communities' development and thriving. We will but we will not do so ever again in shame, or silence or invisibility.

Pat Norman is a black lesbian living in San Francisco. She is a national co-chair for the National March on Washington, co-chair of Mobilization for Peace, Justice and Jobs, and a member of the national council of Refuse and Resist.

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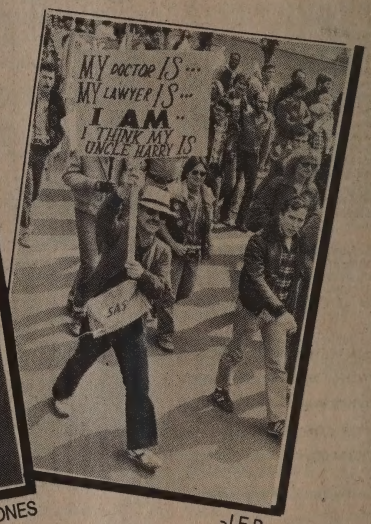

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"Going about my daily routine it may seem I have civil rights and the freedom to do what I want, but tomorrow if I get AIDS, if my boss doesn't like gays, I may not have those rights after all. I want those rights for myself and for others--that's why I'm doing civil disobedience."

Steven Cordova
Manhattan, NY

"Because I have written letters, signed petitions, voted, picketed and marched and felt like no one was listening. By being a physical presence in Washington I feel like they cannot pretend I don't exist."

Amy Bauer
New York, NY

"Last summer after the Hardwick case I felt angry, frustrated and unprepared to fight back intelligently. I vowed then that I would study the methods of non-violent civil disobedience so that I could learn to fight smart and that no one could take away my rights ever again."

Susan Cavin
Brooklyn, NY

Lynn Lavner

These are times when we can no longer rationalize the option of the closet. Who will argue that religion was a private, personal preference in Germany in 1939? So the message I bring to the community is about our diversity, our specialness, and our unwavering determination to claim our rightful place. That may sound pretty heavy, but in my act it's all done with music, comic patter, and a twisted irony that came from standing too close to gay men in discos. Besides, my father was a cantor. So I simply regard my life as a very weird version of "The Jazz Singer."

Lynn Lavner is a cabaret performer whose songs and humor are drawn from her "own experiences as a short, left-handed, Jewish lesbian from New York."

"I've had it with struggling to stand still. We mustn't be satisfied with not going back, we must continue to move forward."

Sean Dwyer
Manhattan, NY

"Civil disobedience is an effective way to let people know how angry we are. And it's also fun."

David Tuller
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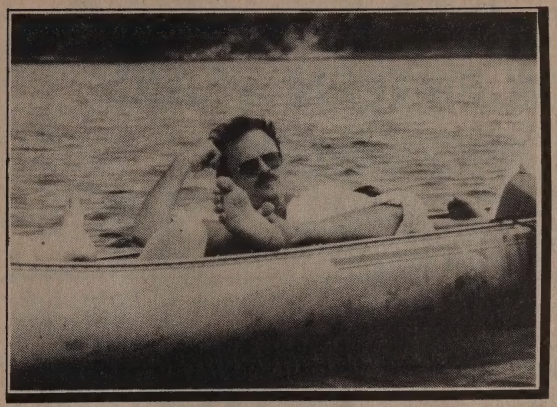
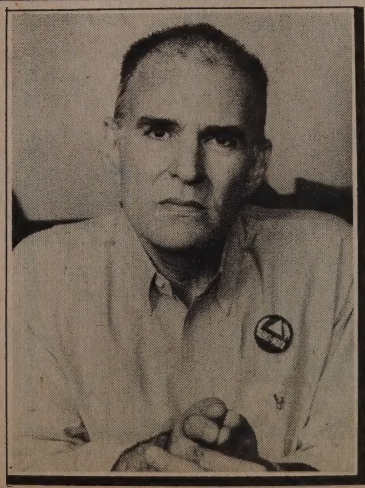


Michael Biernbaum

Amerika's straight "normalcy" is killing us and the planet, so being out is not only a way to live, but a way to survive. Being out queer says: make room for difference, open up to change, remember love. Being out queer in the belly of the patriarchal beast disturbs the imperial, homophobic order and, I hope, aids and abets peace-loving people around the globe. In the words of my friend, dancer Jon Weaver, "If you call me a faggot, you'd better say it with respect."

Michael Biernbaum is a community organizer and co-editor of CHANGING MEN.



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Larry Kramer

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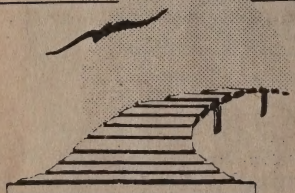

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Cost: $20
What: Permiere showing of new film by Phil Zwickler
March on Washington Women's Party and Dance
Benefit for the March
Date: Friday, October 9, 10 p.m.
Site: Hung Jury Pub, 1819 H St., N.W.
Cost: $3 donation
What: After the concert reception & dance, food, live DJ
For more info: March on Washington (202) 783-1828
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Site: Philadelphia, Penn. - Independence Mall
Purpose: March to Washington, D.C.
For More Info: (215) 563-6601

BEGINNING THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

▼ National AIDS Network Conference
Date: Thursday, October 8 and Friday, October 9
Purpose: Strategy conference for dealing with AIDS into the 1990's
Who: Conference is by invitation only

▼ Club Vita Presents: "Growing Up Queer in America," a one woman show, Chris Cinque.
Date: October 8, 9, 10
Site: Ethical Society, 7750 16th St., NW
Cost: Tickets in advance $10 at Lambda Rising and Lammas. $11.50 at door
For more info: 387-3351

▼ Forum: Legal Protection for Lesbian & Gay Couples
Date: Thursday, October 8, 8 p.m.
Site: Friends Meeting House, 2111 Florida Ave.
Wheelchair accessible/sign language interp.
Program/Speakers: Karen Thompson, fighting for the release ofher lover, Sharon Kowalski, from a nursing home; Mauro Montoya,Legal Director, Whitman-Walker Clinic.
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Date: October 8, 9, 6:30 p.m.
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For more info: (301) 868-2498

▼ International Gay & Lesbian Pride Coordinators Conference
Date: October 8, 9
Site: Comfort Inn, Baltimore
For more info: Sam Haws (213) 656-6554

BEGINNING FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

▼ National AIDS Network Banquet "Americans Who Care".
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▼ Black and White Men Together,
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Date: Friday, October 9 -- Welcoming meal
Saturday, October 10 -- Breakfast and lunch, followed by caucuses, speakers and a cultural program. Speakers include Jonathan Katz.
Followed by banquet, dance in evening.
Sunday, October 11 -- breakfast is being planned
Place: All Soul's Unitarian Church
Cost: $50, including 2 meals, dance, program, cultural event
Who: Open to all people interested
For more info: (202) 882-3155

▼ Network Meeting for Seniors and Old/Olders
Date: Friday, October 9
Place: To be announced
Cost: Donation
Who: All old/olders/seniors
For more info: Morris Kight (213) 463-3928

▼ Mid-Atlantic Metropolitan Community Churches District Conference

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A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN TO HELP PEOPLE WITH AIDS

For just one dollar you can make a significant difference to someone with AIDS. Stamps, similar to Easter and Christmas seals, with the message **STAMP OUT AIDS**, are being sold nation wide—$1.00 buys 6 stamps—the money raised to be targeted specifically to AIDS service organizations through the NATIONAL AIDS NETWORK.

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a lot of folks percieve as a paradigm for activism and they don't like it.

He has kept fighting: By writing a wicked black comedy novel (*Faggots*) that engaged critics and enraged many gays. By helping to found NYC's Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC). By writing a play (*The Normal Heart);* again the critics raved and many gays raged. By helping to organize AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP).

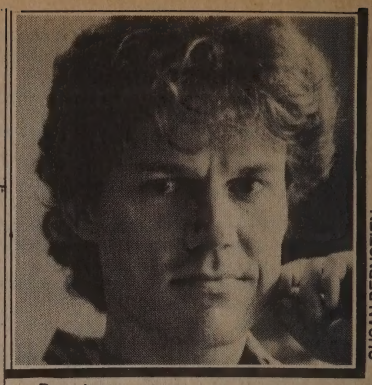
ACT UP recently marshalled as many as 300 activists (oops... community servants) to picket Sloan-Kettering Medical Center 24 hours a day for four days. He sounds wistful about it: "There's so much love in this community. If we can just touch that."

How can different factions in the gay movement learn to co-exist? His immediate answer is, "We may never be able to do this." But more conversation reflects little glimmers of hope. "We are doing better in the fund raising department." "Life is all part of a learning process." "I've learned not to punish myself unduly for failures and mistakes."

David Becker

The rich have rules: don't discuss your wealth; never talk about personal matters, especially sex; give to good causes, but never touch the principle--that goes to your kids.

But listening to David Becker , whose Mother was born a Pillsbury makes you think that 10 percent of America's rich sure don't have as much fun as the common folk.Imagine Becker, 21 years old and in college. He hides his attraction to men from friends and family lest they discover *that* part of him. He hides his wealth from his few gay friends. Most of us deal with multiple closets but few combinations are as insidious as these.



-SUSAN BERNSTIEN

Becker started giving his money away (to anti-oil and anti-nuclear causes) at age 21. Donations to arts organizations followed that. Then came dollars for community foundations. A volunteer stint at Boston's *Gay Community News* made him aware of "the gay struggle".

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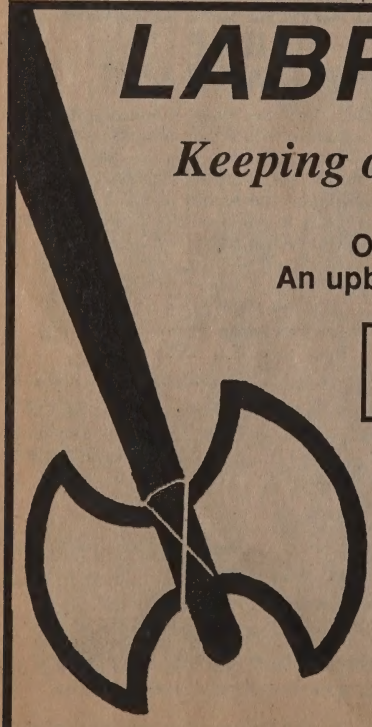

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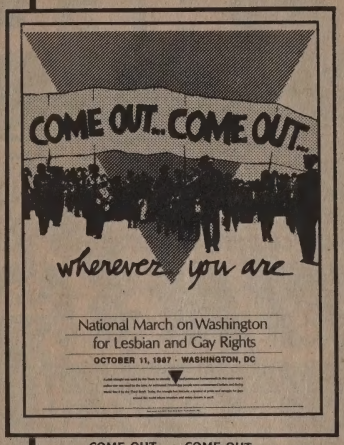
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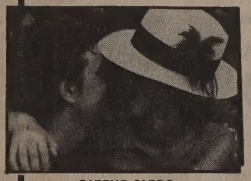
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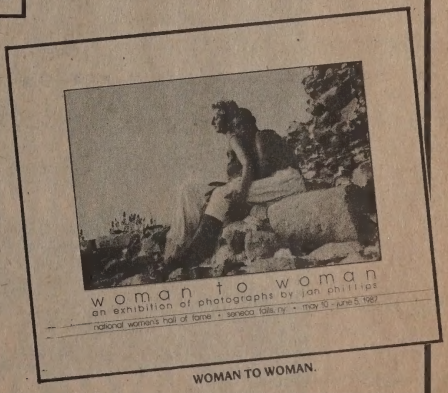
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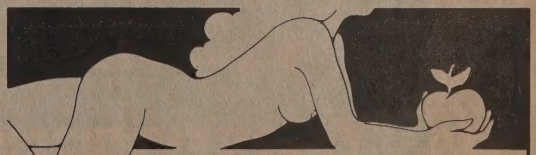
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For more info: R. Adam DeBaugh, District Coordinator (301) 540-4204

▼ National Association of Lesbian and Gay Democratic Clubs.
Third Annual Political Conference
Date: Friday, October 9 – Reception for the March on Washington and the Fairness Fund
Saturday, October 10, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. – Conference
Program: Presidential Forum featuring Democratic presidential candidates and their staffs, followed by workshops on various aspects of political organizing and electoral work. One series of workshops will focus on political implications of March demands.
Cost: $25, open to anyone interested ($20 for members)
Site: To be announced
For more info: write the Association at: 114 15th Washington, D.C. 20002 or call (202) 543-029

National Gay & Lesbian Librarians & Archivists North American Regional Organizing Committee
Where: National Clarion, 300 Army/Navy Dr., Arlington, VA **Date:** Friday, October 9, 1-5 p.m.
For more info: Bill Walker (415) 864-2074

Date: Friday, October 9, 7-11 p.m.
Open reception for Historians, archivists, librarians and others interested in Lesbian & Gay history. Hosted by the S.F. Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Historical Society
For more info: Paula Lichtenberg (415) 776-3769

National Association for Public Interest Law - Panel on Lesbian & Gay Rights
Date: Friday, October 9, 4-5:30 p.m.
Site: Georgetown Law Center, 600 New Jersey Ave., N.W.
What: Participants include: Katherine Frank, AIDS Project of Employment Law Center; Mary Dunlap argued Gay Olympic Games before Supreme Court; Paula Ettelbrick, Lambda Legal Defense Fund
For More Info: NAPIL (202) 546-4918

▼ Roadword Presents: Casselberry & Dupree and Cris Williamson,with Special Guest Trot Fure
Date: Friday, October 9, 8 p.m.
Site: Lisner Auditorium, 730 21st St., N.W.
Cost: $14
What: Women's Music Concert
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He hoped his inclusion in the *Times* article would bring some wealthy brothers out of the closet. He admires wealthy lesbians ,who he believes, have much less trouble parting with their inheritances.

Think of David Becker as you march; his body may not be there to support you, but his spirit--in the form of a check--is standing right next to you.

This week in Washington is a renewed beginning for the long and dedicated march toward freedom and respect—in our own eyes as well as the eyes of the world.

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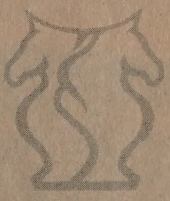

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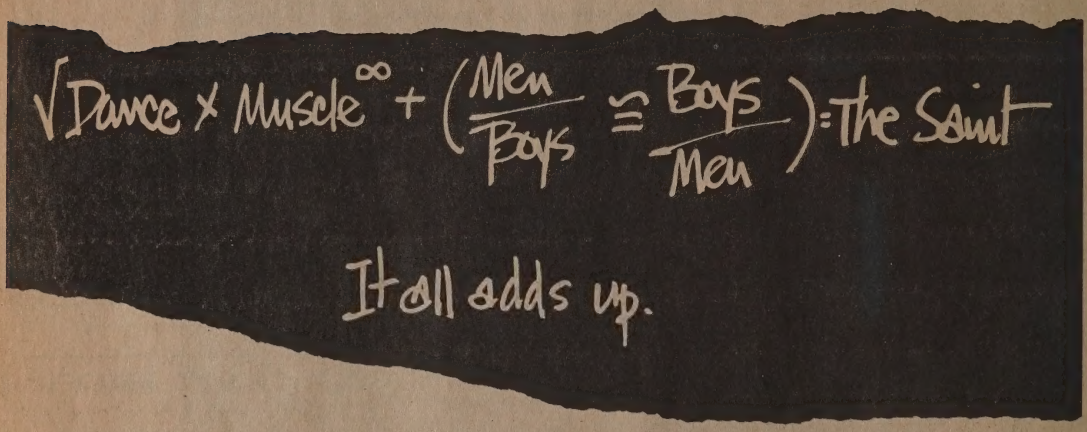

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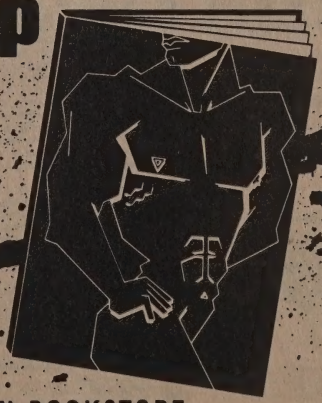

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Site: St. Mary's Episcopal, 730 23rd St., N.W.
What: Women Only. Discussion
BEGINNING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

▼ American Run For the End of AIDS- Brent Nicholson Earle
Over 150 members of FrontRunners Clubs from around the nation will run from Arlington National Cemetery along the Mall to the Capitol and back to the White House. It will conclude its 10,000 mile distance at the Zero Milestone directly in front of the White House.
Ceremony: The Flame Extinguished 9:30 a.m., Visitors parking lot, Arlington National Cemetery
For more info: Ruth Gray, WW Clinic (202) 332-5295

Lesbians and Gays for Jackson/Building the Lavender Strip of the Rainbow Coalition
Date: Saturday, October 10, 10:00-12:00
Site: First Congregational Church, 1st & G Sts., NW
For more info: Pam David (202) 783-1828

▼ National Coalition of Black Lesbians & Gays
Date: Saturday, October 10, 9:30 a.m.
Site: Martin Luther King Memorial Library, 9th & F Streets, N.W. Main Conference Room
Program: All day meeting for chapters and affiliate groups
For more info: NCBLG (202) 265-7117
In addition: NCBLG and People of Color Caucus of the March on Washington will host workshops on AIDS, grassroots organizing, women of color forum, etc. on Saturday, October 10, 10 AM-5PM at First Congregational Church, First & G Sts., N.W.

▼ National Sharon Kowalski Committees Strategy Meeting
Date: Saturday, October 10, 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon
Site: George Washington University Marvin Ctr.
Who: Committee Members
For More Info: Tracie Dejanikus (202) 667-3415

▼ National SM/Leather Conference
Date: Saturday, October 10, 1:00 p.m.
Site: Departmental Auditorium, 12th and Penn
Cost: No cost
Who: Open to all
What: Seminars and workshops: leather goods for sale
For more info: NLA, P.O. Box 17463, Seattle, WA 98107

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Date: Saturday, October 10
Meetings: St. Mary's Gay Group, St. Mary's Episcopal, 730 23rd St., N.W. - 7 p.m
Alcoholics only, Step Oxford Gay Ruins, 1721 Rhode Island Ave.-7:15 pm
Closed (alcoholics only, Beginners)

▼ Free reception for Virginia March participants. Hosted by the Alexandria Gay Community Association and the Arlington, VA Gay Alliance.
Date: Saturday, October 10, 5-8 p.m.
Site: To be announced
For more info: Jay Clark (703) 836-8741

▼ Essex Hamphill & Wayson Jones Performi
Date: Saturday, October 10, 10 p.m., midnight, 1:30 a.m.
Site: D.C. Space, 7th and E Sts., NW
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▼ National Coalition of Black Lesbians & Gays Party!
Date: Saturday, October 10, 10 p.m.
Site: Nob Hill Bar, 1101 Kenyon St., N.W.
Who: Everyone welcome

▼ Party at the Clubhouse!
Date: Saturday, October 10, 1 a.m.
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Date: Saturday morning, October 10 -- In addition to special Friday night service, Shabbat Hol ha-Moed Sukkot, to be held outdoors under the sukkah at 8:30 p.m., there will be a special service on Saturday morning at 10:30 a.m. for the hak-heyl ceremony of public Torah reading by leaders of the community
For more info: Call Barrett L. Brick (202) 833-1638

Washington Blade Open House and Brunch
Date: Saturday, October 9, 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Site: Blade Office, 724 9th St., NW, 8th Floor
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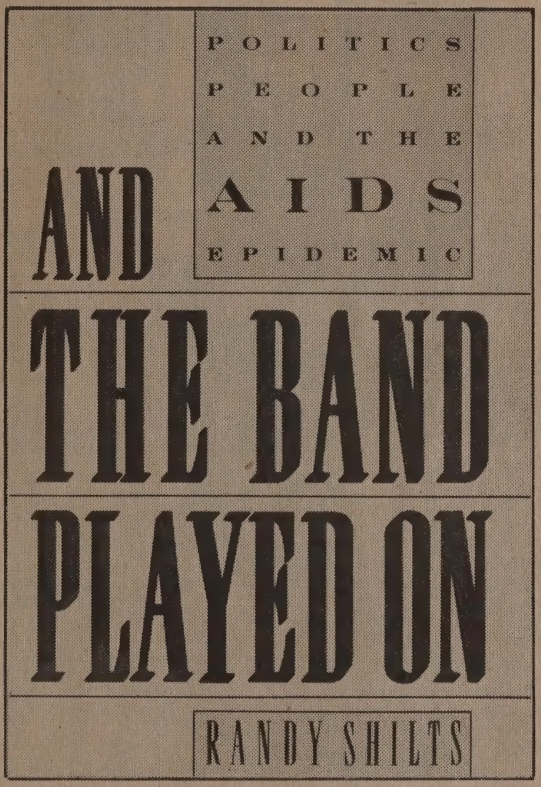

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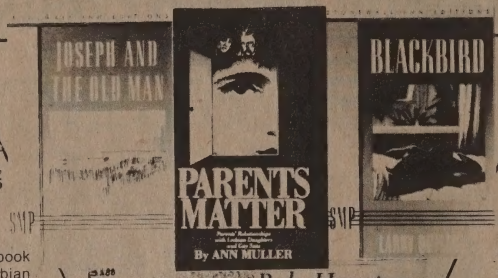

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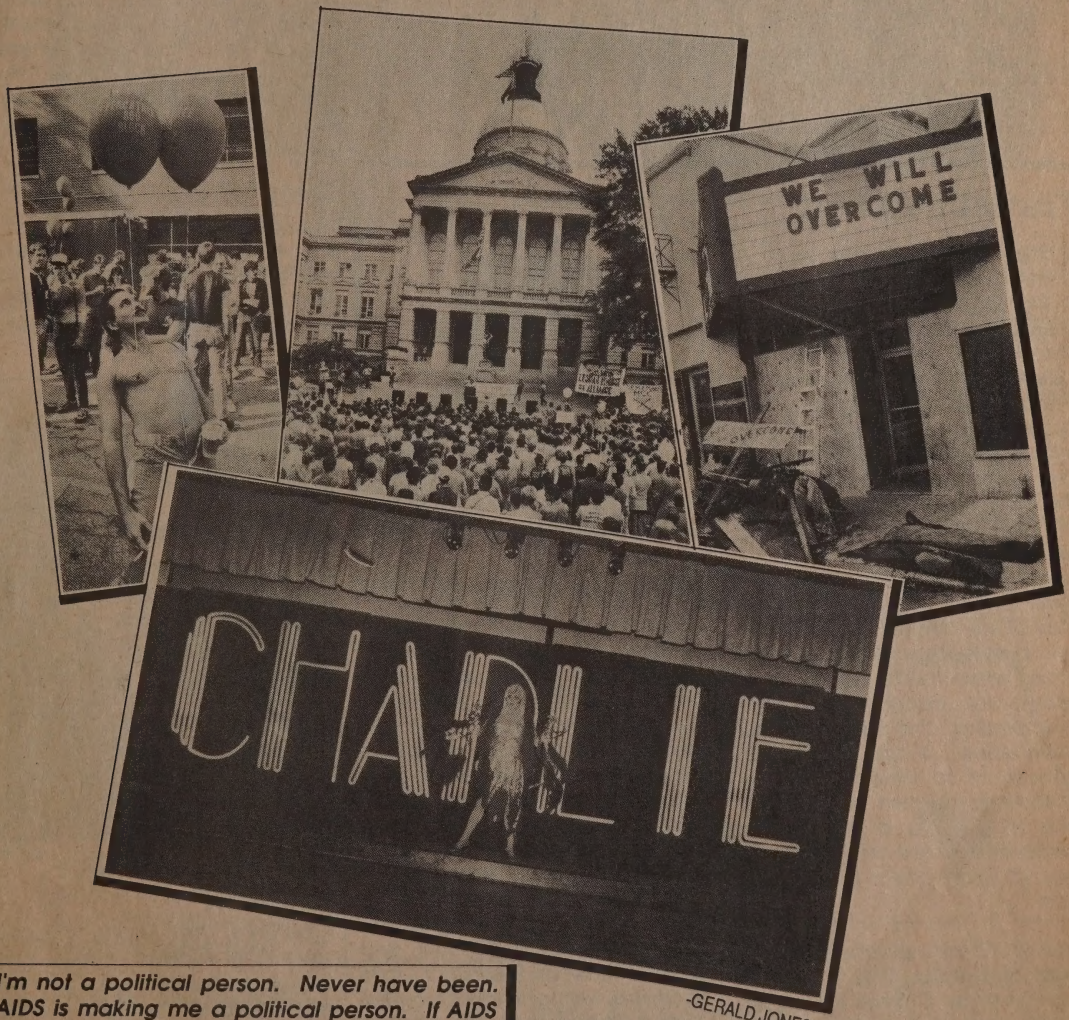

-GERALD JONES

I'm not a political person. Never have been. AIDS is making me a political person. If AIDS doesn't politicize each of us, then we're in real bad shape. I'm going to the March because of Ralf, Rick, Gil....I want to use my life to fight for others.

Julie Bumpus
Atlanta

-LYNDA DOUGLAS

Franklin Abbott

Being openly gay has been a great challenge and a great advantage as a psychotherapist and as a writer. As a therapist, I am hired by my clients to tell the truth even when the truth is difficult to tell..I am asked for guidance in developing ways of being true to one's self in everyday life. I know the difficulties and rewards from my own process of coming out as a gay man.

As a poet, I describe reality as I experience it in my own unique way. Since childhood I have felt my differentness in numerous ways. When I write poems and essays for publication, I am proclaiming the validity of my experience. I can choose to censor or to celebrate. Gay liberation, my own and others', has taught me a lot about celebrating the struggles and joys of living open, proud and free.

Franklin Abbott, psychotherapist, poet and editor, lives in Atlanta with his lover, Charles Haver. He works with the editorial collectives of RFD and CHANGING MEN.

-J.E.B.

Minnie Bruce Pratt

I am able to do my work---writing, teaching, organizing, daily living-- because I am a lesbian. When I was married, I looked at the future and saw nothing but an arid stretch of time, a deadly repetition of how things had always been. I knew that to live as a lesbian would be to invent something new, more passionate, more interesting. I came out and began to write again, even though I had kept a journal since I was thirteen and had written poetry, I had stopped writing when I married. When I fell in love with another woman, I began to come back to myself, and to the belief that there was a place for me, as myself, in the world. When I lost my children because I chose to live as a lesbian, I began to understand what kind of struggle it would take to make that place a reality for me; and I began to be conscious of the struggle of other peoples to have their own place. Coming out in my work, whether to hostile students or to a homophobic audience has never become easy, but every time I do, I feel I make a little more room where we can all be ourselves, where we are each able to live. My hope in this struggle and my joy in living is rooted in my lesbian identity.

Minnie Bruce Pratt is a poet, essayist and teacher, born in Selma, Alabama, in 1946, currently living in Washington, D.C.

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Cathy Woolard

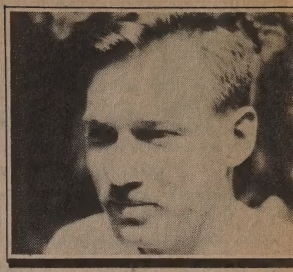
Being out as a lesbian is the most important factor in my life; I am sure it will continue to be and favorably temper all aspects of my future. Coming out for me is such a layered process... as I put back one layer more realizations and potentials are exposed.I have grown more secure and self-loving in this process and opportunities for self-fulfillment are presented that would not have been possible ten years ago. The best thing about coming out is that there is truly no going back. Anything negative that society might throw in my path is pushed to the side as I continue to realize how great my life really is and how strong and special lesbian and gay men are as a community.

Cathy Woolard lives in Atlanta, for which she feels very fortunate. She is a full-time activist for the lesbian and gay community.

John Kappers

The March on Washington is important for me both as a gay person as well as a person with ARC. It has always been extremely vital to me to be open as a gay person,, to say to others that I am proud of myself and my people. I'm indebted to the early pioneers of the Gay Rights movement and of this health crisis. Their courage in the face of insurmountable odds is inspiring and reinforces my belief that we are a loving, strong and united people who will not go back.

John Kappers is a hospital personnel director and serves on the board of the Atlanta chapter of NAPWA.



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Time: Saturday, October 10 at 11:00 a.m.
Site: Congressional Cemetery, 1801 E St., SE
For more info: Ken McPherson (415) 441-7613

▼ NGFLTF Town Meeting on Sex and Politics
Date: Saturday evening, October 10
Format: Panel of 3 or 4 presenters and 2 respondents, followed byaudience discussion
Who: Open to all
For more info: Sue Hyde, NGLTF (202) 332-6483 or write Sue at 1517 U Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20009

▼ Gay and Lesbians Parents Coalitions International (GLPCPI) Dinner
Information to be forthcoming
National Association of Latino Lesbian & Gay Activists
Time: 1 - 6 p.m.
Site and specifics to be announced
For more info: Gisele Mills (202) 783-1828

BEGINNING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

▼ Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns Worship Service
Date: Sunday, October 11, 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.
Where: Westminster Presbyterian Church, 4th & I

▼ Concert with Lucie Blue Tremblay
Date: Sunday, October 11, 8:00 p.m.
Where: The Birchmere, 3901 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA
Cost: Tickets $8.50 at door
For more info: (703) 549-5919

▼ Gay/Lesbian Groups of Greater Washington Alcoholics Anonymous & Al-Anon
Date: Sunday, October 11, 8:30 p.m.
Meeting and open discussion, St. Mary's Episcopal, 730 23rd St., NW

▼ Metropolitan Community Church-UFMCC Communion Service
Date: Sunday, October 11, 9 a.m.
Where: Lincoln Memorial
What: Service led by Rev. Elder Troy Perry and UFMCC Board of Elders

▼ Workers World Party Reception
Date: Sunday, October 11, 3:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Where : Quality Inn-Capitol Hill, 415 New Jersey Ave., NW
What: Informal get together for lesbian and gay activists andorganizers. Refreshments served.
Who: Everyone invited
For more info: (202) 667-3957

▼ Toy Box Tea Dance
Date: Sunday, October 11
What: Live Entertainment, Disco
Cost: Less than $10
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BEGINNING MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

▼ AGITATE, EDUCATE, ORGANIZE!
An AIDS Activists Mobilizing and Planning Event
Date: Monday, October 12 at 9:00 a.m.
"This event will be co-sponsored by activist groups concerned about AIDS in the areas of educ., health care and civil liberties, inc. ACT UP, NYC; AIDS Action Pledge, S.F.; Citizens for Medical Justice, S.F.; DARE, Miami (pending); KUPONA Network, Chicago (pending); Lavender Left, L.A.; Minority AIDS Council of L.A. (pending); NAPWA Washington D.C. (pending); NCBLG, Washington D.C. (pending); We the People, Philadelphia
Purpose: To provide the opportunity for individuals, activists and their corresponding organizations to share their ideas, objectives, and/or political experiences.
Site: To be announced
Cost: Donation to cover costs will be accepted
Who: Open to all

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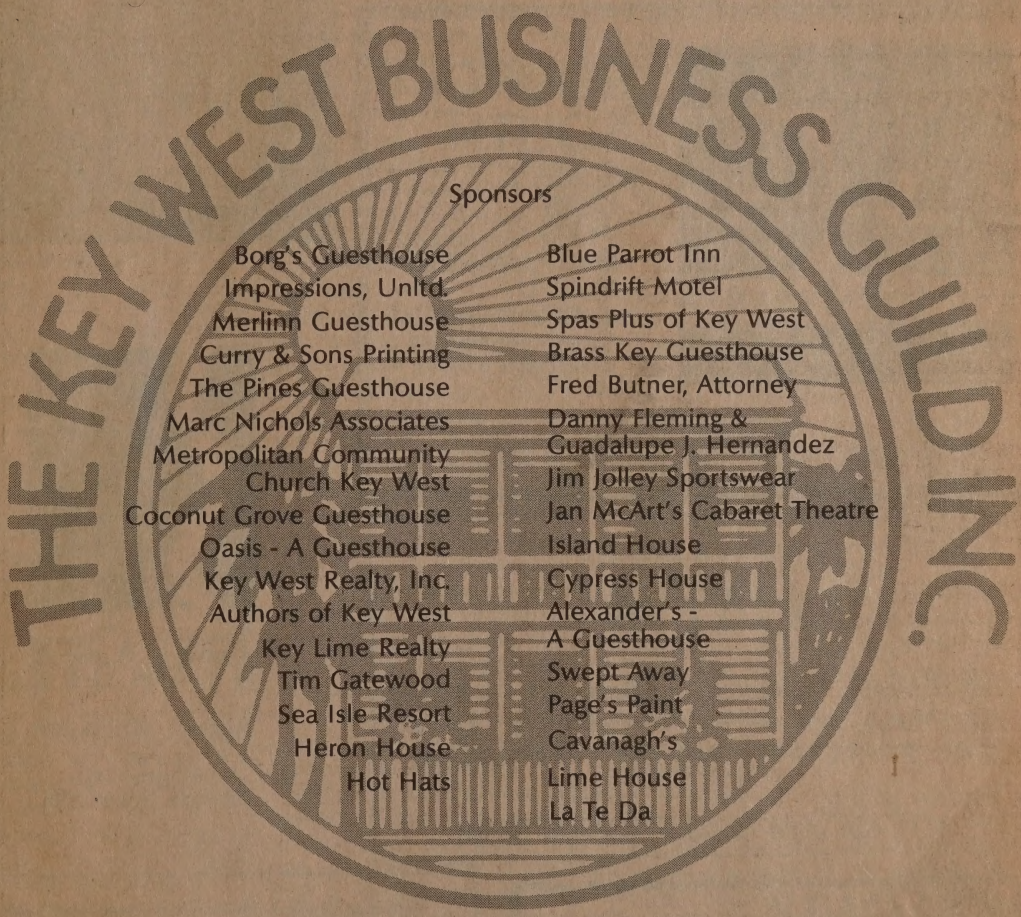

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For more info: Rob David (212) 496-0657
Lesbians and Gays Against Intervention/ Mobilization for SurvivalMeeting
Time: Monday, October 12, 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Site: District Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Further details to be announced

▼ Gay/Lesbian Groups of Greater Washington Alcoholics Anonymous & Al-Anon
Date: Monday, October 12
Meetings: Happy Hour Gay, St. Mary's Episcopal, 730 23rd St., NW 6 and 7:15 p.m. - open St. Mary's Gay, St. Mary's Episcopal, 8:30 p.m. - open Gay Adult Children of Alcoholics, Al-Anon, Church of the Holy City, 1611 16 St., N.W., 6:30 p.m. - open

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John Howell
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-GERALD JONES

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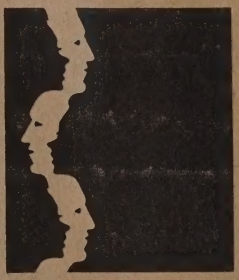

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Leigh VanderEls

There is a judge in Clayton County, Georgia, who believes that Leigh VanderEls, because she is a lesbian, should no longer be allowed to raise her seven-year old son. On January 30, 1987 Judge William Ison of the Clayton County Superior Court awarded a change of custody to Wallace VanderEls, Leigh's ex-husband. Leigh had custody of her son, Chase, since she divorced VanderEls four years earlier -- but Judge Ison did not care about that. He did not consider the testimony of family, friends, neighbors and co- workers who each affirmed the love between Leigh and her son. And the judge did not think it was important that Chase wanted to stay with his mother. VanderEls, his attorney and the judge focused on one issue throughout the four-day hearing, that Leigh VanderEls was an admitted and open homosexual and therefore incapable of pro- viding her son with the "proper environment."

After their divorce in 1983, the VanderEls established an amicable, almost comfortable relationship. Both parents seemed to want what was best for Chase. During a visit in 1984, Leigh told her husband she believed she was a lesbian. Although surprised by his wife's admission, VanderEls agreed her sexuality did not affect her ability as a parent. But in November, 1985 shortly after he re-married and Leigh's lover moved in with her and Chase, VanderEls filed a petition for custody of his son citing that Leigh "had adopted a sexual preference which is inconsistent with the proper and fundamentally sound environment which is required to suitably rear, care for, teach and set needed examples for a child of tender years."

"I was devastated," Leigh states. "Our family -- my lover, Chase and I -- were happy together. We had a close relationship and I felt it was a healthy one."

Leigh states, "We are brought up to believe that as homosexuals we should not be parents. But I felt strongly that I had every right to raise my son and just as important, that Chase had the right to stay with me."

After the decision was made to fight to keep custody and to do it as an open lesbian, Leigh was faced with coming out to her parents, neighbors, co-workers and Chase's teachers. She needed their support in the courtroom. She did not think that her sexual orientation would be the focus of the hearing. Leigh states that her reasons for being open in court were not political, but very personal. "If I lied, I would have been telling Chase that I was ashamed of who I am and that I have something to hide. I wanted him to know that I am OK and that it's important to be honest with yourself and with others."

VanderEls has different values. He had his own ideas about how his son should be raised. With his new wife and baby, a good job and a recent commitment to Christianity, Vander Els felt he was the best role model for his son. During the hearing, the judge listened attentively to Vander Els.

The testimony of Leigh's witnesses was cut short. The eighteen-year old daughter of a gay man was denied the opportunity to testify about her upbringing. The judge thought it irrelevant. He also did not see a need for Leigh's mother or father to testify although they were briefly allowed to do so.

During Leigh's testimony, the judge wrote out his order. He only stopped to question her about the sodomy law. She plead the fifth.

After four days of testimony, Ison read the findings and conclusions of the court. Each of the pertinent findings addressed Leigh's lesbianism. No other grounds were offered upon which the judge based his decision to change custody to VanderEls. The order was effective immediately and within an hour Chase was on his way to Nashville, Tennessee with his father and step-mother. Leigh and Chase had ten minutes to say goodbye.

Several weeks later, Leigh was summoned to the director's office of Clayton County Department of Family and Children Services. She had worked there as a social worker for one year in foster care and adoptions. Ann Plant told Leigh that Ison had told her all about the case and although she was sympathetic to Leigh's situation, she was forced to ask for Leigh's resignation or remove her from working with children.

"I was placed in a tiny office doing paperwork. I was allowed no client contact. They did not give me an opportunity to say goodbye to my foster kids or foster parents," Leigh states. After a month, in anger and frustration, Leigh resigned.

Leigh and her attorney entered motions for a new trial and for the judge to remove himself from the case because of his prejudice and misconduct. Both were denied in April, 1987 with the judge refusing to allow the testimony of Leigh's employer, stating that evidence of their conversation was "hearsay." Subsequently, two applications for appeal were refused by the Georgia Court of Appeals. Application for appeal was recently granted by the Georgia Supreme Court. Although she is pleased with this news, Leigh states she cannot let herself be-

come too excited. She knows there is only a slim chance that the Supreme Court will rule favorably.

Leigh VanderEls is a fighter, a woman with a strong will, and is determined to get her son back. "You have to understand, and I sometimes have to remind myself, that Chase is the one who has lost the most. His needs and feelings were not considered by his father nor by the judge. He wants to be with me and I am not going to give up."

—Chris Cash

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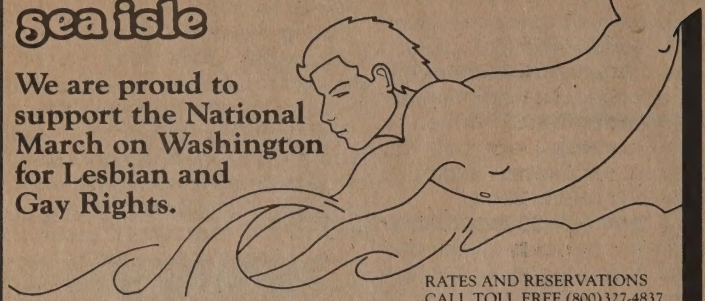

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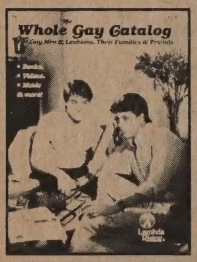

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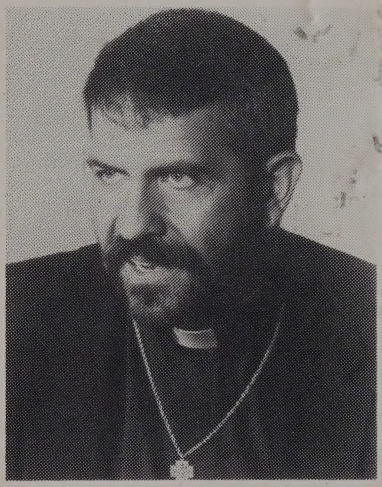

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